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Foreword

PEARLINGTON: Church and Community tells the story of Pearlington, Mississippi, as viewed by the Methodists. To those who are not Methodists, but who have ties to this community, this book should be of interest. The stories take the reader back almost two hundred years to the development of the "second oldest" continuous town on the Mississippi Gulf Coast.

Primarily written as a church history, the book contains much about the social, political, and economic development of the lower Pearl River.

Great attention is given to the nearby communities of Logtown, Gainesville, Napoleon, Westonia, Lakeshore, and Clermont Harbor, and the Methodist work done in these places. The history of Holmes Chapel United Methodist Church of Pearlington is also included. Some of the contributions made by ethnic groups (French, Spanish, Indians, and Afro-Americans) are included.

Published for the occasion of the 1991 Homecoming of Pearlington United Methodist Church, June 14-16, we hope that the retelling of the story of Pearlington will bring a renewed pride and spirit to this community, and to the countless thousands who have passed this way.

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"To God be the glory, great things He hath done."

William L. Jenkins, Jr.

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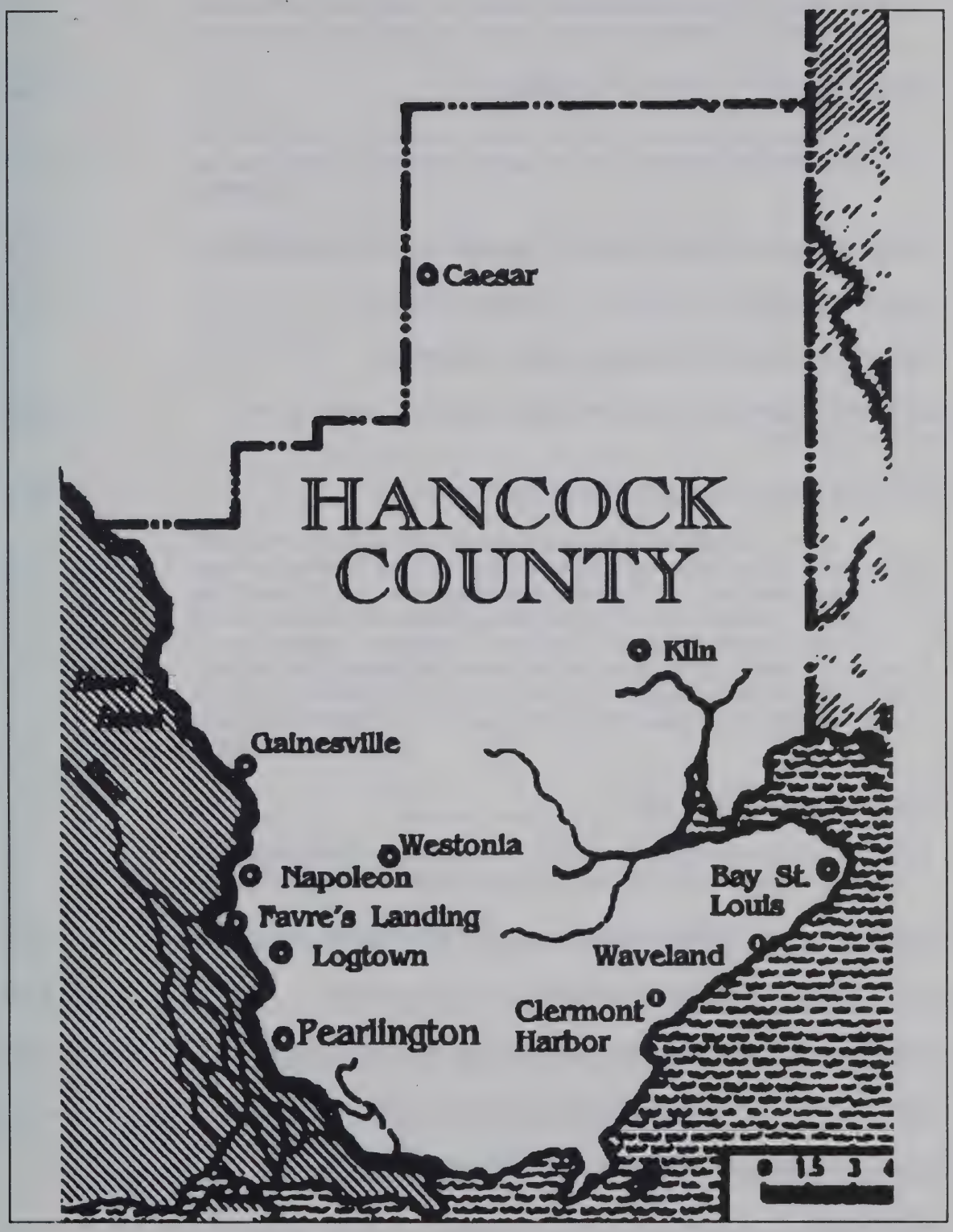
To the memory of

S. G. Thigpen,

Pearl River historian,

whose labors saved
the ancient legends
of this region
for generations to come.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Harbor

The first inhabitants along the Pearl River were Indians. Pottery found at Mulatto Bayou (at the mouth of the Pearl River) has been dated 1140 B.C. with the use of radiocarbon. These Indians are believed to be the forbearers of the Choctaws.

1492 **COLUMBUS DISCOVERS "THE NEW WORLD"**

Whether Christopher Columbus was the first European to discover North America or not, his discovery five hundred years ago certainly marked the beginning of the era of colonization.

1519 **SPANISH EXPLORER, ALONSO DE PINEDA, SAILS ALONG GULF COAST**

1527 **SPANIARD PANFILO DE NARVAEZ SAILS ALONG COAST**

1541 **HERNANDO DE SOTO DISCOVERS MISSISSIPPI RIVER**

1681-82 **FRENCHMAN LA SALLE JOURNEYS DOWN THE MISSISSIPPI TO THE GULF OF MEXICO**

1699 **FRENCH ARE FIRST EUROPEANS TO CLAIM COAST**

Pierre LeMoyne Sieur d'Iberville not only landed at Old Biloxi in 1699, he also traversed the Mississippi Sound and sighted the mouth of the Pearl River on that same trip. When d'Iberville landed on the eastern shore of Biloxi Bay (now the modern day Ocean Springs) in 1699, the Indian tribes of the Gulf Coast included the Acolapissa, Bayogoula, Biloxi, Pascagoula, Choctaw, and Chicasaw. By 1840 all but a few Choctaws and Chicasaws left Mississippi and settled in Indian Territory (Oklahoma) west of the Mississippi River. However, reference is made to Choctaw Indians living in and around Pearlington as late as 1890 in S. G. Thigpen's book, *Work and Play in Grandpa's Day.*

1703 **THE BIRTH OF JOHN WESLEY**

John Wesley was born June 28, 1703. He was the fifteenth child, and only the second son, of Anglican rector Samuel Wesley and his devout wife, Susanna.

1715 **JOHN LAW SETS UP THE MISSISSIPPI COMPANY FOR SETTLEMENT**

1716 **"FORT ROSALIE" ESTABLISHED AT WHAT IS NOW NATCHEZ**

1718 **FRENCH BUILD A NEW CAPITAL FOR LOUISIANA: NEW ORLEANS**

1719-21 **WAVE OF FRENCH, GERMAN, SWISS AND SLAVES SETTLE COAST**

1721 **MISSISSIPPI COMPANY BUBBLE BURSTS (FAILS)**

1723 **HURRICANE**

"In September 1723 a violent hurricane swept over the coast, destroying 32 buildings in New Orleans and flattening the crops on the Pearl, Pascagoula, and Mobile rivers."

Charles L. Sullivan, THE MISSISSIPPI GULF COAST: PORTRAIT OF A PEOPLE, p. 18.

1729 **NATCHEZ INDIANS KILL 300 FRENCHMEN**

1735 **WESLEY BROTHERS COME TO AMERICA**

John and Charles Wesley sailed to America's new colony of Georgia with their friend and the colony's founder, General James Oglethorpe. John Wesley worked primarily among the Indians. John returned to England in 1737, followed by his brother.

1738 **WESLEY'S ALDERSGATE EXPERIENCE**

John Wesley's spiritual experience on May 24, 1738, in his own words: "In the evening I went very unwittingly to a society in Aldersgate Street, where one was reading Luther's preface to the Epistle to the Romans. About a quarter before nine, while he was describing the change which God works in the heart through faith in Christ, I felt my heart strangely warmed, I felt I did trust in Christ, Christ alone, for salvation; and an assurance was given me that he had taken away my sins, ever mine, and saved me from the law of sin and death."

1740 **TWO HURRICANES OCCUR ONE WEEK APART**

"Two fierce hurricanes one week apart, September 11 and September 18, 1740, wreaked havoc among the settlers at Mobile and Pascagoula and destroyed hundreds of cattle."

Charles L. Sullivan, THE MISSISSIPPI GULF COAST: PORTRAIT OF A PEOPLE, p. 19

1744 **WESLEY HOLDS "FIRST CONFERENCE"**

1763 **TREATY OF PARIS: BRITISH CLAIM CONTROL**

"The British claimed control (of modern day Hancock Country) in 1763, but the Indians, hurricanes, and pirates in the area made life miserable and helped weaken British strongholds. The beaches, bayous, and rivers between the Mississippi River and the Bay of St. Louis proved to be natural hide aways for Jean Lafitte, Pierre Ramaux, and other notorious smugglers. Lafitte's hide-out, known as the "Old Pirate's House," still stands just a short distance from Buccaneer State Park.

"The 1763 population of all Louisiana (including the Coast) was 7,500, of whom 4,500 were black slaves."

Charles L. Sullivan, THE MISSISSIPPI GULF COAST: PORTRAIT OF A PEOPLE, p. 19

1767 **INDIANS FORCE SETTLERS OUT OF BAY**

"Bands of vengeful Choctaws . . .struck from the Pascagoula to the Pearl. By 1767 these Indians had driven the few families on the Bay of St. Louis out to Cat Island for safety. Other families moved to the barrier islands."

Charles L. Sullivan, THE MISSISSIPPI GULF COAST: PORTRAIT OF A PEOPLE, p. 23

1772 **YEAR OF EXTREME WEATHER ON COAST**

"It (the year) began with a Siberian winter that killed all the orange, apple, and pear trees. Iced limbs of oak and pine cracked and broke. . . Summer struck back with tropical intensity, capped on August 31 by a powerful hurricane. . .From Mobile to the Pearl the storm surge rolled in as far as five miles in places."

Charles L. Sullivan, THE MISSISSIPPI GULF COAST: PORTRAIT OF A PEOPLE, p. 23

1776 **DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE**

"The revolt of 13 English-speaking colonies against their mother country meant little at first to the French-speaking inhabitants of the Gulf Coast. But then France joined the contest on the side of the fledgling American nation."

Charles L. Sullivan, THE MISSISSIPPI GULF COAST: PORTRAIT OF A PEOPLE, p. 23

1777 **SIMON FAVRE: FIRST KNOWN WHITE MAN IN THE PEARLINGTON AREA**

The first known white man to live along the Pearl River was Simon Favre, a Frenchman. Born June 1, 1760 at Mobile, Simon was the oldest child of Jean Claude Favre and Marqurite Wiltz Favre. "There is little doubt Simon spent his younger life along the Pearl River," writes Favre genealogist Beauregard Favre, Jr. The naturalist, Bartram, made a reference to Simon Favre's residence on Pearl River in 1777, when Bartram made a trip from Florida to Louisiana that year.

Favre's residence was located about one mile north of Pearlington at the landing on the Pearl River known as "the Gin." Favre was the principal interpreter between the French and Indians. As a reward for his work he received a land grant which encompassed much of modern day Hancock County. In 1810, Favre was appointed justice for the Parish of Viloxy (Biloxi). Col. Favre died in 1813 in Mobile.

1783 **SPAIN TAKES CONTROL**

"Spanish takeover in 1783 encouraged the 'civilizing' of the coast, particularly the west shore of the Bay of St. Louis."

1784 **"CHRISTMAS CONFERENCE" CREATES METHODIST CHURCH**

After wrestling with the matter of ordaining ministers, Wesley relented and ordained Coke and Asbury, and sent them to America to ordain ministers for this growing field of Methodism. At the so-called Christmas Conference in Baltimore, 1784, a new church structure formally began, separate and distinct from the Church of England. It quickly became known as the Methodist-Episcopal Church.

1790 **THOMAS SHIELDS FOUNDS "SHIELDSBORO" (BAY ST. LOUIS)**

In 1790, Thomas Shields purchased land from Spain which today is the city of Bay St. Louis. Pearlingtonians remind our neighbors from "the Bay" that Simon Favre was long settled in Pearlington at this time! However, "Shieldsboro" was the first coast city to apply for and receive incorporation in 1818.

1791 **JOHN WESLEY DIES**

John Wesley died March 2, 1791. He was eight-eight years old. During his astonishing life, Wesley traveled over a quarter million miles by horesback.

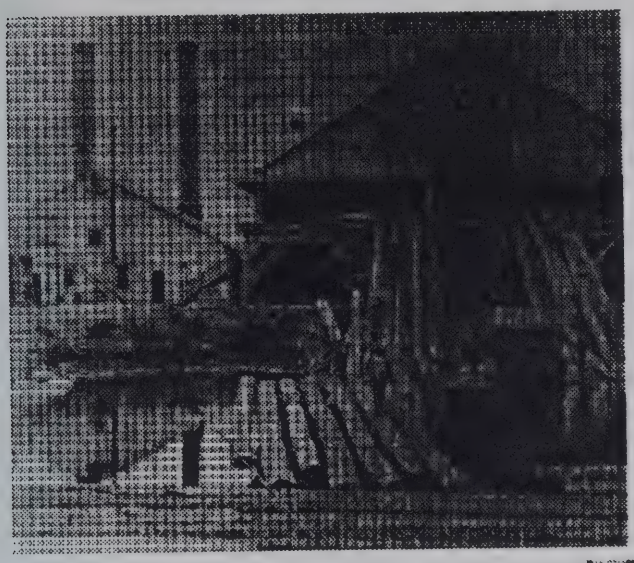
1798 **MISSISSIPPI TERRITORY ESTABLISHED**

1799 **TOBIAS GIBSON ARRIVES AT NATCHEZ**

Just eight years after the Rev. Mr. John Wesley died, Tobias Gibson arrived at Natchez. Gibson was the first Methodist missionary in the Mississippi territory. His pioneering work quickly grew, and just fourteen years after Gibson's arrival, the Mississippi Conference organized with six circuits, including one named Pearl River.

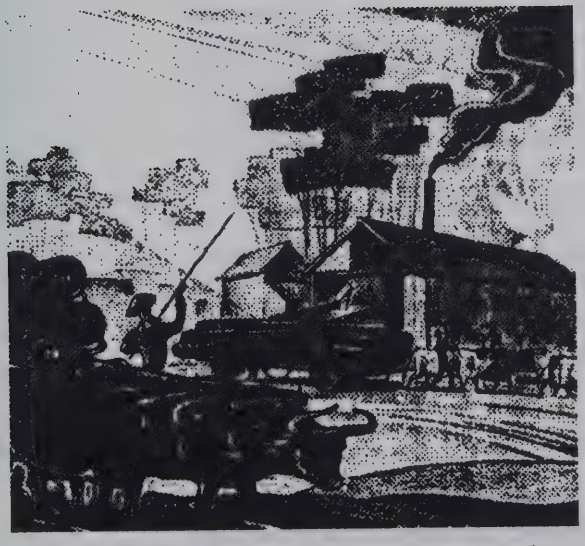
1800 **LAUREL WOOD PLANTATION MANSION BUILT**

Louis Boisdore built a beautiful mansion on a forty acre tract two miles southeast of Pearlington on Mullato Bayou. Built on a French Land Grant with slave labor, the house served as home for several families. Most notable of its occupants was J. F. H. Claiborne, historian, during the Civil War and early Reconstruction.



Lumber Mill

Early travel was by horseback and carriage



Carrylog, invented by Pearlington slave, Usan Vaughn

1801 **THE KIRBY CENSUS**

President Thomas Jefferson sent an inquiry to Ephraim Kirby, American magistrate at Fort Stoddard (north of Mobile). In his report dated May 1, 1801, Kirby stated "From the town of Mobile to the Pascagoula there are about 18 families settled along the shores of the Bay and at the mouth of the river; and from thence to Pearl River, and upon the same are about 30 families."

Charles L. Sullivan, THE MISSISSIPPI GULF COAST: PORTRAIT OF A PEOPLE, p. 34

1805 **POSTAL SERVICE ESTABLISHED AT PEARLINGTON**

"Judging from the 1805 report sent to the President by post rider, Isaac Briggs, roads were almost nonexistent. The 200-mile journey on horseback from Fort Stoddard through Mobile across the coast to New Orleans required 25 days of hard traveling. Briggs crossed the Pascagoula approximately 20 miles above its mouth by borrowing a canoe and swimming his horse alongside. From that point he rode in a generally southwesterly direction to the Favre Farm on the Pearl and there, to avoid the virtually impassible Pearl River swamps, boarded a schooner for New Orleans.

"This Federal Road, authorized in 1806, ran the length of the 31st parallel from Fort Stoddard to the Mississippi River but at Ford's Fort on the Pearl a fork ran south from it to the north shore of Lake Pontchartrain."

(Editor: Please note schooner service already in place in 1805 along the Pearl River. The Federal road must have run right through Pearlington.)

Charles L. Sullivan, THE MISSISSIPPI GULF COAST: PORTRAIT OF A PEOPLE, p. 34.

JOSEPH CHALONE STAKES CLAIM NEAR LOGTOWN

Near what later became Logtown, Joseph Chalone received a land grant in the year 1805.

1806 **FIRST METHODIST ARRIVES AT NEW ORLEANS**

Elisha W. Bowman, a Methodist circuit rider, arrived at New Orleans in 1806. An Episcopal priest arrived one year earlier. Bowman found New Orleans to be a particularly difficult place. His cold reception caused him to abandon the city for a more opportune time. Bowman moved to Rapides Parish and established a prosperous Methodist Circuit. Later attempts by Methodists to enter New Orleans were more successful with many fine churches there today.

1807 **METHODIST CIRCUIT RIDER GOES INTO "WEST FLORIDA"**

Young, a Methodist circuit writer, wrote that "he went into West Florida and often visited New Orleans." At this time, West Florida (Mississippi Coast) was a part of Spain, and any such attempts at evangelism were strictly illegal. Young may have visited what is now Pearlington, because of its prominence and closeness to New Orleans.

1808 **JEAN BAPTISTE DOBY VISITS PEARLINGTON**

"In early 1808 a young man from France, Jean Baptiste Dody, came to visit relatives and friends in Old Biloxi (Ocean Springs) and New Orleans. During his stay, he was taken on numbers of trips to fish, hunt and camp along the shore of the Gulf of Mexico. On some occasions they entered Pearl River, Mulatto Bayou, and Bayou Cowan.

"Young Doby was interested in farming, in stock raising; boating and fishing were his hobbies. To him the fertile land almost surrounded by Bayou Cowan seemed the ideal spot to fulfill his dreams. It was accessible to New Orleans by water, and also near the thriving town of Pearlington. Both places offered markets for the crops he hoped could be produced."

1809 **DOBY STAKES CLAIM TO LAND AT PEARLINGTON**

"He (Doby) lost no time in carrying out his desire to own the land which was part of West Florida owned by Spain. Finally, on April 26, 1809, he received a Spanish grant of 1280 acres, proposing to cultivate it until 1813."

S. G. Thigpen, NEXT DOOR TO HEAVEN

The Doby claim was located on what is now Oak Harbor.

1810 **ROADS OPEN MIGRATION FROM GEORGIA AND CAROLINAS**

"By the portentous year of 1810 the new roads and trails penetrating the pine barrens had opened the region to an ever increasing number of settlers moving overland from Georgia and the Carolinas. These people, of primarily Anglo-Saxon and Celtic stock, were herdsmen and hunter-gatherers. . .

"A traveler's account of that same year gave a more complete situation report of coastal families than that of Kirby six years before. This account listed 18 families on the lower Pascagoula and more upstream, 12 families at Biloxi, 10 to 15 French families at the Bay of St. Louis, and just under 20 families in the east bank of the Pearl."

(Editor: According to this data, Pearlington was the most populated settlement from Mobile to New Orleans in 1810.)

Charles L. Sullivan, THE MISSISSIPPI GULF COAST: PORTRAIT OF A PEOPLE, pp. 34-35

METHODIST GROWTH, 1810

"The greatest increase in the membership was on the Natchez and Wilkinson Circuits. It is likely that the former (Natchez) had considerably extended toward Pearl River, and the latter (Wilkinson) southward into West Florida (Mississippi Gulf Coast)."

W. B. Jones, A COMPLETE HISTORY OF METHODISM, 1799-1846, pp. 211-212.

1811 **AMERICAN FLAG FIRST RAISED AT PEARLINGTON**

(Editor: Of all the territory known as West Florida, including coastal Mississippi, it was at Pearlington that the American flag was first raised.)

"On January 4, 1811, (Governor) Claiborne issued a proclamation declaring that portion of former West Florida from the Mississippi and the Perdito to be annexed to the Territory of Orleans as the county of Feliciana. Of the six parishes that made up this new county, two encompassed the Gulf Coast.

"The area between the Pearl and Biloxi Bay became the Parish of Biloxi."

"Following the issuance of his proclamation, Claiborne instructed William "Fat Doctor" Flood, a prominent New Orleans planter and physician, to proceed to the coast and raise the American flag at each inhabited spot. The governor further ordered Flood to appoint justices of the peace at those places and to present to them copies of the United States Constitution and copies of the territorial law code.

"On January 9, 1811, Flood docked the sloop *Alligator* at the Simeon Favre Farm on the east bank of the Pearl, raised the flag, and appointed Favre as justice of the peace of Biloxi Parish."

Charles L. Sullivan, THE MISSISSIPPI GULF COAST: PORTRAIT OF A PEOPLE, pp. 35-36

EXPANDING METHODISM, 1811

Jones reports that Amite Circuit included Methodist work along Pearl River, and that this Circuit "became one of the most popular and productive circuits in the Conference."

1812

HANCOCK COUNTY CREATED: AMERICAN RULE

On May 14, 1812, the area from the Pearl to the Perdito became by statute a part of Mississippi territory. In September this large area became known as Mobile County. On December 14, 1812, the territorial legislature split this area into three counties. The United States claimed the land that today includes Hancock, Pearl River, Harrison, and Stone counties. The large area received the name "Hancock County" in honor of John Hancock, the famous signer of the Declaration of Independence.

AMITE CIRCUIT, 1812

If Methodist work along Pearl River was a part of Amite Circuit, as Jones states (see above, 1811), then an interesting prospect emerges in 1812! The pastor in charge of Amite Circuit in 1812, (the year before Pearl River Circuit officially began), was William Winans. Could it be that the venerable Mr. Winans had a part in beginning the work on Pearl River and Pearlington?

1813

MISSISSIPPI METHODIST HOLD FIRST CONFERENCE

Mississippi Methodists hold their first Conference with six circuits listed. They are: Claiborne, Natchez, Wilkinson, Amit (Amite), Pearl River, Tombeekbee (Tombigbee), and New Orleans.

GOV. HOLMES MOBILIZES MISSISSIPPI MILITIA

In response to the massacre at Fort Mims, Governor Holmes ordered an assault upon the Creek Indians. Among the first units to respond were those led by Colonel George H. Nixon and Captain John Bond of the Pearl River area.

SOUTH MISSISSIPPI ADDED TO MISSISSIPPI TERRITORY

Although the Mississippi Territory was created in 1798, it was not until 1813 that the southernmost part of the State, known to some as "the panhandle," formerly Spanish West Florida, which includes Hancock County, officially became part of Mississippi Territory.

1814

THE WAR OF 1812

Pearlington played a role in the War of 1812. The battle for New Orleans between the Americans under Andrew Jackson (Old Hickory) and the British would decide the victor of this second war for American independence.

Because of her strategic location, Pearlington became a staging area for Jackson's launch into New Orleans.

"Various contingents of the American army moved along the Federal Road with some units, especially those with artillery, turned south to follow the Pearl to Gainesville where small boats took them on into New Orleans. Some of the soldiers, struck by the aspect of the valley, would return as settlers after the war."

Charles L. Sullivan, THE MISSISSIPPI GULF COAST: PORTRAIT OF A PEOPLE, p. 39

The artillery section of Andrew Jackson's Army marched to Pearlington where every boat was commandeered to furnish transportation to New Orleans. With the assistance of Pearlington residents, Jackson's army used little known waterways to transport Jackson's artillery to the Battle of New Orleans.

The struggle for New Orleans began 13 December 1814 in the Mississippi Sound. With one of the largest armadas ever to approach America's shores, including 20,000 veteran British troops, the hostilities commenced near Bay St. Louis. The Americans, led by Lt. "Tac" Jones, bogged down in the mud at the Rigolets. His valiant defense and ultimate surrender bought Jackson time. By Christmas Eve, 1814, the Treaty of Gent was signed, ending the War of 1812. Over 2,000 British soldiers lay dead in the mud at Chalmette.

The significance of the War of 1812 for coastians was that they sensed the pride in their role in the victory, and immediately came to see themselves as true Americans.

1815 THE REVEREND THOMAS NIXON VISITS UNCLE ON PEARL RIVER

The Rev. Thomas Nixon, Methodist circuit rider and nephew of Colonel George Nixon, visited his famous uncle on Pearl River in November 1815. Thomas Nixon was the son of a Methodist local pastor, and was ordained by Bishop Asbury after itinerating in the Tennessee Conference for three years. He was appointed to Wilkinson Circuit in Mississippi. The diary of his travel from the Tennessee Conference to the Pearl River provides unique insights of that time.

"Nov. 2, 1815. We bade all farewell, and with sorrowful hearts started on our journey. We rode thirty miles, and camped in the woods.

"Friday, 3d. We started before day, and crossed the Tennessee River at Colbert's Ferry as the sun went down.

"Saturday 4th. We rode to Brown's, an old Indian. We are now among Indians.

"Sunday, 5th. We rode forty-five miles to Allen's. In the night I was taken very sick.

"Monday, 6th. We rode eight miles to the Chicasaw Agent's, where Brother Menefee is left with me. Brother Sellers and Dixon went on. Here we stayed until Friday morning, the 10th. While we were here, old Sister Cosby, the mother-in-law of Hon. Edward McGehee, of Wilkinson County, Miss., passed by with her son-in-law, Dr. Hays. Just as the doctor's carriage got near the house it broke down, and he came to get some tools to mend it. Brother Menefee told him I was sick, and who I was. He came to see me, and left some medicine with me, which was the means of my speedy recovery. This looks like a special providence. Judge Cocke, the Agent, treated me with the utmost care and friendship, and when we left would not receive a cent for his attention to us and our horses. May God reward him for his kindness! We rode forty-five miles to Fulsom's, a half-blood; his wife is a white woman, and very kind. She prepared suitable nourishment for me, and would have no pay.

A Methodist Circuit Riding Minister

"Saturday, 11th. We rode to Harkins', and took supper. The Indian hotels are made of small poles, just high enough for you to stand straight in, with dirt floor; no bedding of any kind except bearskin, and not that in some of their huts. You feel blank and disappointed when you walk in and find a cold dirt floor, naked walls, and no fire. Camping out is far better than such accommodations.

"Sunday, 12th. We rode to Crowder's, and a disagreeable night we had.

"Monday, 13th. We rode to Brashear's (in what is now the southeastern part of Madison County). We were well provided for here. Brashear is white man.

"Tuesday, 14th. This morning Brother Menefee and I parted. He went to Natchez, and I to my uncle's, Col. Nixon's, below the Indian Territory, on Pearl River, where I arrived on Thursday, 16th. After a much needed rest of a few days, I went on seventy-five miles to Bro. Graves', one of the appointments on my circuit. On the twenty-fourth of November, 1815, I went to the home of, and for the first time, met Bro. Winans."

The next year, Nixon attended the Annual Conference in 1816 when Bishop Roberts, Mississippi's first Bishop, attended. Nixon died March 4, 1872 at Raymond, Mississippi. In his lifetime, Thomas Nixon met and personally knew some of Methodists' most prominent personalities, including Asbury, Winans, and Roberts.

1816

MISSISSIPPI METHODISM GROWS

Mississippi Methodists hold their Fourth Annual Conference. Rev. R. R. Roberts, the first Bishop, attends the Conference for the first time.

An unmarried Methodist circuit riding minister could expect to receive an annual salary of $100 plus travel expenses.

COLONEL NIXON ATTENDS PEARL RIVER CONVENTION

Colonel George M. Nixon was among the delegates to the Pearl River Convention that officially petitioned the United States for statehood for Mississippi.

AMELIA P. RUSS DIARY DESCRIBES TRIP FROM NORTH CAROLINA

A diary begun February 18, 1816, by Miss Amelia P. Russ, describes her trip from Brunswick County, North Carolina, to Pearlington, Mississippi. Miss Russ and William Poitevent arrived at Pearlington on April 14, 1816.

1817

STATEHOOD BEGINS IN A METHODIST CHURCH

"On a hot day in July 1817, forty seven citizens of the (Mississippi) territory met at **the Methodist Church** in the little town of Washington to write Mississippi's first constitution."

Mississippi Life: Past and Present, p. 29.

On December 10, 1817, President James Monroe signed the resolution which made Mississippi the 20th state to be admitted to the United States. The Pearl River, from parallel 31 to the Gulf, formed the western boundary of the new state.

Chapter Three: Ante Bellum Pearlington (1818-1859)

1819 **FIRST KNOWN PLOT OF TOWN OF PEARLINGTON MADE**

"This plot and diagram of the Town of Pearlington in Hancock County State of Mississippi was made by Elihu Carver in accordance with the resolutions of the Pearlington Company made and ??? at their meeting of 24th of November 1819, the 16th October 1823, 24th December 1823, and 14th day of February, 1825."

October 31, 1851.

1820 **ZACHARY TAYLOR BUILDS ROAD FROM PEARLINGTON TO THE BAY**

"In 1820 seven hundred men of the Eight Regiment, U. S. Infantry, commanded by Lieutenant Colonel Zachary Taylor, built a road from the Pearl River to the western shore of the Bay of St. Louis. The medical officer attached to the troop cantonment at the road's terminus described a bayside strip of homes and summer cottages three or four miles in length with "the little village of Shieldsborough" in the middle. "

Charles L. Sullivan, THE MISSISSIPPI GULF COAST: PORTRAIT OF A PEOPLE, p. 41

PEARLINGTON COMPANY INCORPORATED

The Pearlington Company received incorporation for the purpose of "laying out the town of Pearlington," January, 1820.

1821 **MISSISSIPPI LEGISLATURE VISITS PEARLINGTON**

"But in 1821 Pearlington was of such importance and of such size as to invite the Mississippi legislature, then sitting in Columbia, to visit this thriving town. The legislature accepted the invitation and, according to JHF Claiborne, were sumptuously entertained by the people of Pearlington. The members were said to have gone away most favorably impressed with the town and the people of Pearlington.

"Pearlington had been laid out on a metropolitan scale, covering 500 to 600 acres. The pioneers at Pearlington dreamed of and planned to make Pearlington the principal city of south Mississippi. And for a time it was!

"To make the trip from Columbia to Pearlington the members of the legislature must have passed through what is now Picayune on the old Columbia to Gainesville road. . . To make this trip they must have traveled on horseback, in buggies and in carriages. Such a trip certainly would have taken about three days each way. They must have been entertained by the people living along the way. . . What a spectacle this trip of the legislature traveling through the pine forests of South Mississippi must have been.

"Except for Biloxi, Pearlington is probably the oldest town in south Mississippi. Pearlington is the first town up the river in the state of Mississippi. It is located about 12 miles north of where Pearl River flows into Lake Borgne.

"The town of Pearlington, like the river, got its name from the fact that back in the old days pearls were found in the river. From the mouth of the Pearl River on up to above Walkiah Bluff many Indians lived before the coming of the white man. There were unlimited fish in the creeks, bayous and rivers and fine hunting everywhere.

S. G. Thigpen, PEARL RIVER, pp. 70-71

COLONEL NIXON MOVES DOWN PEARL RIVER TO PEARLINGTON

According to the deposition of Rebecca Nixon in her request for pension for her deceased husband, she and her husband, Col. George M. Nixon, moved from their home on Pearl River in Marion County to Pearlington in 1821.

Nixon, whose brother and nephew were both Methodist ministers, probably added to the Methodist community in Pearlington, then served by the Pearl River Methodist Circuit. The Colonel's health was destroyed by his tenure in the militia during the War of 1812. He died just three years after moving to Pearlington, and is buried in the Pearlington cemetery.

1822

PEARLINGTON RECEIVES CHARTER

During the 6th session of the Mississippi Legislature, in December 1822, the city of Pearlington received incorporation papers.

1823

STATE LEGISLATURE APPROVES ROAD

The Legislature in its Seventh session, 1823, approved the construction of a road from "Granbury's bridge" to Pearlington.

1824

COLONEL GEORGE NIXON DIES IN PEARLINGTON

Col. George H. Nixon died in Pearlington, Mississippi. His grave is clearly marked to this day in the Pearlington Cemetery, proving the age of this community.

Col. Nixon, born in Virginia, lived for a while in South Carolina. In 1809, he migrated to Mississippi Territory, first to Marion and then to Hancock County.

Nixon was lieutenant colonel in the territorial militia, distinguishing himself as commander of the 13th Regiment in the Creek War of 1813.

1825

COUNTY COURT SESSIONS HELD IN PEARLINGTON

In an Act passes February 2, 1825, sessions of County courts were to be conducted part of the year in Bay St. Louis and part of the year in Pearlington. No county seat was specified when the county was created. This seems to indicate that, for a while, Pearlington served as an unofficial county seat with Bay St. Louis. Some court sessions were held at Center, near Caesar. However, the county seat was later moved to Gainesville. The courthouse at Gainesville burned in 1853, and Bay St. Louis became the only county seat in 1860. There apparently was some structure in Pearlington that accomodated the courts and included jail facilities.

1826

SALEM CAMPGROUND OPENS IN NORTH JACKSON COUNTY

The oldest Methodist camp meeting site in Mississippi opened in 1826 in north Jackson County by the Methodists. The campground featured outdoor revival meetings. Salem camp meetings continue to this day.

1828

BILL TO CREATE SCHOOL ASSOCIATION FAILS

A bill to incorporate the Pearlington Free School Association was presented before the Legislature, but failed to pass.

1831

DIARY OF CHRISTIAN KOCH PROVES METHODISTS IN PEARLINGTON

From 1831 to 1836, Captain Christian Koch, a native of Denmark, kept a diary of his travels along the Pearl River. He frequently mentions the towns of Pearlington and Logtown. His daughter-in-law translated the Koch diaries into English.

"Pearlington is a small town. The only trade is in wood and cotton with New Orleans. There is no church so there is service only twice a year when a Methodist preacher from another town holds services for three or four days. Marriages are always performed by the sheriff."

S. G. Thigpen, PEARL RIVER, p. 92.

1836

SULFUR SPRINGS AT PEARLINGTON: "SARATOGA OF THE SOUTH"

"A valuable Sulfur Spring has recently been discovered on the plantation of Johnson Hutchings near the town of Pearlington on East Pearl River, Mississippi.

"The above Spring is said to posses all the medical qualities of the celebrated Saratoga Springs, New York.

"This place is situated within 40 miles of New Orleans in one of the most healthy counties of the state and is accessible at all seasons to steamboats drawing 8 feet water.

"Owing to the similarity of the waters, the said place is now called SARATOGA OF THE SOUTH.

"The inhabitants of our sunny climes have got to learn that our local advantages over the North need only be known to be appreciated, and we opine that the day of immigration to the North for the benefit of the waters will soon have passed away."

A SOUTHERNER, New Orleans Commercial Bulletin

PEARLINGTON CHARGE FIRST LISTED IN METHODIST ARCHIVES

By 1836, the Methodist work in Pearlington had prospered so much that the Mississippi Conference created the Pearlington Circuit out of what had been a part of Pearl River Circuit. Pearl River Circuit continued to minister to communities farther north. Below, Pastor H. J. Harris described the route of Pearlington Circuit during his pastorate in 1840-41.

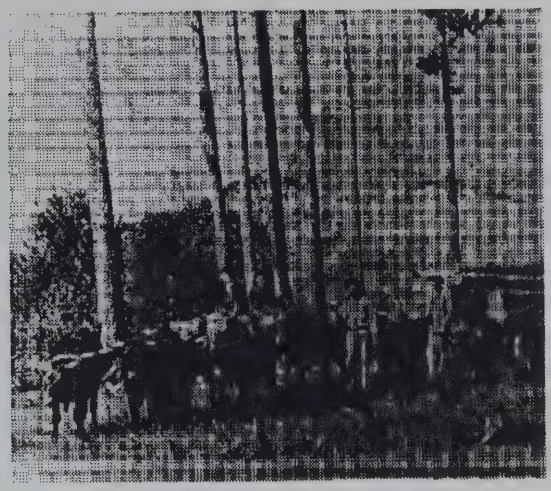
1840

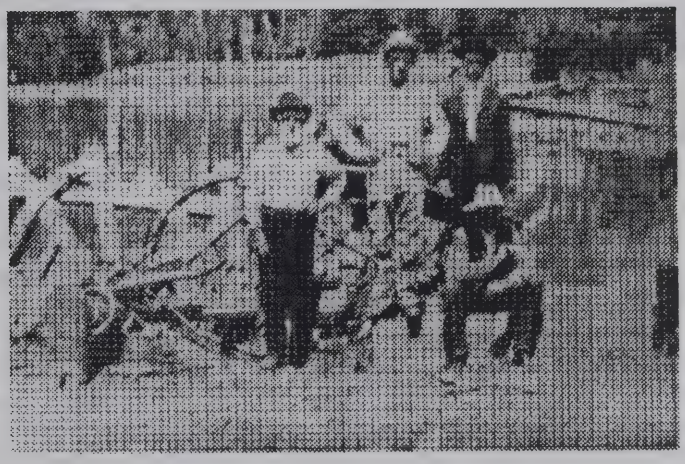
EARLY PASTOR, H. J. HARRIS, RECALLS PEARLINGTON

"Reminiscences" Part One

Pearlington Circuit, Mississippi Conference

"This was my second appointment as a traveling preacher, and I was alone --- preacher in charge. I met promptly the first appointment, just before Christmas, in 1840. The Conference was held at Vicksburg. The railroad then extended to Clinton, in Hinds county; thence I made my way on horseback to my circuit. The first appointment was at Union Academy, sixteen miles south of Columbia, Marion county, and immediately on Pearl river. From this point the circuit extended southward, following the meanderings of the river to Pearlington. thence eastward along the seacoast via Bay St. Louis and Pass Christian to Mississippi City, thence north to Black creek, in Perry county, to what was known as Griffin's Church, where there resided Capt. William Griffin, now I believe living at Moss Point, the father of Dr. E. F. Griffin. From





Griffin's the circuit followed the course of Black creek in a northwesterly direction to its source in Marion county, and back to Union Academy. Including all the windings and turnings to reach the different churches and preaching places, the preacher had to travel not less than two hundred and twenty-five miles, often more than this, each round, preaching week days and Sundays. This circuit had to be made once every four weeks. It was one of those circuits that Bro. Tom. Owen said he traveled, where he had "but one rest day a month, and that day he traveled forty miles." It is greatly changed since then, in many respects, judging from the minutes of the Conference and the correspondence of the preachers. It has been divided and subdivided until what was then Pearlington circuit is now a part of three or four different charges. Pearlington circuit now is circumscribed, compact, a most desirable appointment; good churches, a parsonage, and the preacher well cared for. It was not so in my day. Nevertheless, mingled with the "tribulation of those days," I have many pleasant recollections. There are names inscribed on memory's tablet that will not be lost till "mind and memory fail." The Gauses, Russes, Poitevents, Leonards, Mead, Randall, Ford, Rawls, Felder, Capt. Williams, Maj. Arnold along the Pearl river and down to Pearlington. On Jourdan river (not Jordan) I had a good old friend, "Uncle Billy Frierson," at whose house I preached, and where I swam my horse across the river each round. This dear old man was not religious then, but he was kind to the preacher. I trust he died right, and went to heaven. Near Mississippi City, about seven or eight miles north, lived the Evans and the Hesters, all good and true men. Methodists worthy of the name. Thence, about thirty-five or forty miles north, lived that noble Roman William Griffin. Oh! what a relief it was to pass under his hospitable roof after this long, lonesome ride through a dense pine forest, over the sandhills, with but two solitary dwellings on the entire route. He was not then a member of the church, but his house was a home, indeed, for the preacher. From his home back again to Pearl river was a "rough and rugged" way, beset with dangers and difficulties I prefer to forget.

"My immediate predecessor was Bro. R. R. Gill, unknown to the present generation of preachers --- a pure and saintly man. He had no family. His disciplinary allowance as $100 a year and his necessary traveling expenses. He was in feeble health, but did his work faithfully, and was universally beloved; still they paid him only about $80 on the whole circuit. I had a wife and one child. When I mentioned this fact to the first one of the stewards that I met the dear old brother grunted and groaned as if he had been seized with a fit of cramp colic, and asked me "what in the world was the Bishop thinking about to send me there with a wife and child to support, when Bro. Gill, a single man, and one of the best of men, had only received $80 the year before?" My claim then, according to the Discipline, was $214 and traveling expenses. The vision before him was certainly appalling. To me it was certainly not very comforting. But I was "innocence abroad," and replied that "I had asked no questions about my appointment, and 'without gainsaying' I had come as I was sent." I told him, furthermore, that I had been assured by my presiding elder that I would meet a hearty welcome at his house, and with him and his good old lady (they had no children) I would find a pleasant boarding place for my wife. He was amply able to afford us any accommodation, but he protested solemnly against any such arrangement. Nevertheless, my poor wife had to stay there for some three or four months, till God opened a way for us to find quarters elsewhere. It was hard to get a home for the preacher's wife in those days, and a woman whose soul was not aflame with holy missionary fire was not prepared to take in the situation and adapt herself to the circumstances. Thank God he provided me a help-meet.

"After about three months on the circuit there were several open doors. I can not mention all. But there was one noble hearted man, at whose house my family remained the greater part of the year, of whom I must and always will make grateful mention --- Mr. William Gause. He was an avowed unbeliever in Christianity, though the son of a Methodist preacher. But God never gave me a truer, nobler friend. His precious wife was one of the best of women, and he always had the profoundest respect for her piety, provided amply for her accommodation in the enjoyment of her religious privileges. He went twenty-five miles with his carriage himself, brought my wife and child to his house, where we had a home indeed. They both have numerous relatives still living about Pearlington and Gainesville, Miss.

"There are very many interesting episodes of that memorable year. To mention only a few more would make this letter too long. The sequel was glorious, and, after all, I thank God for much I learned by experience that year."

H. J. Harris, Ladonia, Texas, Sept. 28, 1882

"Reminiscences" Part Two

Wrestling Satan

"With your permission, Mr. Editor, I venture another chapter of the history of Pearlington circuit. It was, indeed, a trial year with me --- the critical period of my ministerial career. The experiences of the year I spent on Pearlington circuit constituted the pivotal point on which was hinged my subsequent religious life. Early in the year, before my first quarterly meeting, under the influence of powerful temptation, I had deliberately concluded to abandon the work and surrender my license to preach. Satan assailed me fiercely, and caused me to doubt my call to the ministry. Blindness and darkness ensued, and I endured a season of mental torture that words could feebly describe. My efforts to preach were for a time purely mechanical, and all my religious exercises were lifeless, spiritless and, I supposed of course, unprofitable. No one seemed, however, to suspect at all my state; at least no one intimated it to me. I had but one earthly friend to whom I could confide the secret of my trouble --- my wife. To tell even her, then, all that was in my heart, the tempter said, would make her miserable. So I denied her sympathy, prayers and faithful counsel, which might have brought relief long before it came. The Saviour only knew my trouble, and Satan and I dare not trust him, for I had sinned in presuming to preach his word without being called by the Holy Spirit. I writhed and wept and prayed for relief, still adhering to the purpose hastily formed to abandon my work as soon as I could interview my presiding elder. He came to my circuit, on his first round, early in the month of April. Very soon he detected a wrong spirit in me, and inquired the cause. I confessed it all, and announced to him my purpose to abandon the work. He was at first amazed, then apparently as deeply mortified, for he had been as a father to me, and I knew he loved me tenderly. He chided me, then pitied, sympathized, counseled and prayed with me. God answered prayer. Deliverance came. Satan left me, and I went on my way once more rejoicing. Now, all this time I was unintentionally, as I thought, yet perceptibly to myself, "aping" a distinguished preacher whom I heard with great pleasure and profit at Conference just before. Oh! this "aping" devil. How he did torment me. He came near ruining my soul forever. God deliver all young preachers from this accursed thing. I struggled long and hard in my own strength to get rid of the manner and style of that great preacher, who, of course, for me to imitate was only caricature. Still, he was before me, as my model, every time I tried to preach. His intonations (that were really inimitable, even by an expert,) his gesticulation I found myself feebly, of course, practicing. Through God's help only did I overcome this evil, and thanks be to his name. I have never doubted since my call to preach the gospel. Forty-one years have passed since that fearful season of trial, and I am still in this blessed work. Often "tired in it, but never tired of

it." This episode in my religious experience I record for the benefit of others who may be liable to similar temptation and anguish of spirit. To all my younger brethren I would say: Be yourself; follow no man, save as he follows Christ.

"My circuit embraced, as the reader will perceive from the outline given in a former letter, what was known in the earlier history of Mississippi as the "Pearl river country," and was to our fathers in the early part of the present century, and possibly a little anterior, as Texas was more recently to their descendants. It was their Eldorado in prospectus. It was the extreme border of civilization in the esteem of Virginians, Carolinians, and others who came and occupied the country with their families as soon as it was prudent to do so after the territory was ceded to the United States. At one time, say from 1818 to 1825-6, it was considered the choice portion of the State. There was much of wealth, pride and fashion; all the concomitants. But those had measurably passed away when I traveled the circuit. New fields had opened farther west. There were but few men of wealth in the country, little or no public spirit, and no enterprise to develop such spirit. Every material interest seemed left to "drag its slow length along," except in the region from Gainesville to Pearlington on the river, and thence along the seacoast, where the lumber business was active. There were many good Christian men and women living in the circuit, and there I encountered some exceptionally bad cases, some that I shall never forget.

"Pearlington, in my day, was a "hard place," as we preachers sometimes realize of other places in the world. At the period of which I write it was of consequence only because of its "dock," where the smaller class of sailing-vessels , and occasionally a small steamboat, was "hauled up" for repairs. There was a floating population of "lewd fellows of the baser sort" there employees of those who repaired schooners, etc. Drinking saloons and ten-pin alleys did the liveliest business of all the trades. These were open on Sunday as well as all other days. We had no church building, no organization there. The place of worship was a small brick school-room centrally located in the village. My monthly visitations, I think, was all the preaching the people had during that year, save one visit from my presiding elder on a quarterly meeting occasion. We had perhaps half a dozen persons nominally Methodists in the place, and there was a very worthy Presbyterian family, Capt. White's, living about two miles, perhaps, from the town. These constituted the moral support a young preacher had at Pearlington in my day. I was not altogether so lonely, however, as some other might have been under the circumstances, for it was my good fortune to have an aunt living in this place. Mrs. Lenoir, at whose house I always had a home, and, through her relationships to others in the community, I received considerations and attentions that another might not have enjoyed. None of her family, if I remember rightly, were at that time religious or members of the church. I am glad to know that of her numerous descendants the church in that community is now largely made up. Capt. Williams and Capt. White were specially kind to me. Heaven rewards them. Among all the characters that impressed me at Pearlington was Maj. Arnold, who kept the village hotel. He was a Kentuckian, and was not ashamed to own the State of his nativity. He had been reared in affluence, was an educated man, and evidently had seen better days than he enjoyed. He was the embodiment of politeness in social life, bating his occasional profanity even in the presence of a preacher, but for this he always promptly apologized. Ascertaining, as he did one day by inquiring of me directly, that, although I had been preaching there perhaps four or five months, I had as yet received no money from the people, he became intensely interested on the subject. He asked me how I managed to live and support my wife and child. I explained to him our church economy in regard to ministerial support, and told him that as we had no organization at Pearlington no steward had visited that people to solicit anything for the support of the preacher. Forgetting himself for the moment, he said, in a very

excited manner: "If I were in your place I wouldn't preach to such ____ heathens as are here, and get nothing for it. They might all go to ___ before I'd try to save their souls."

The Offering

"But, major," I replied, "I must preach the gospel to them or lose my own soul." "Well, make me a steward, then, as you call it," said my friend. "I'll make them pay you something: you can't live without means". I did make or appoint him steward at Pearlington; at least so far as to authorize him to solicit money for the preacher. An appointment was made that day at church for a collection on my next round for support. The day came. Maj. Arnold had kept the minds of the people constantly stirred up on the subject of the collection during all the interim. He went out into the "highways and hedges," the saloons and ten-pin alleys on Sunday morning, and "compelled," for once, almost all, whether drunk or sober, good, bad, or indifferent, to come to church that day. The house was filled. It was an awfully mixed multitude. I preached, and Maj. Arnold and his son, a lad of about fourteen or fifteen years old, "lifted the collection." It was a grand success, amounting to a fraction under $50. There was about that time, as many old men will remember, a great deal of worthless paper money in circulation, in the form of small change bills or "shin plasters," as they were called. By agreement many of the roughs about the place had determined to pay the preacher in this kind of currency, while the better portions of the community were ambitious to do something creditable. There was, therefore, necessity for an assortment of the funds after the collection, which my efficient steward proceeded to do in the presence of the congregation. This being done he very gratefully tendered me that which was mine in good funds, amounting as before stated; then taking the worthless paper in his hand, he held it up in view of the audience, and said: "If in the ordinary business transactions of life one man can cheat another the hardest must fend off. Every man must look out for himself. But when a man attempts to cheat God Almighty that beats me." It was in this light he regarded the attempt to palm such stuff as this upon the preacher. There was no laugh at the joke, as was expected, no doubt. But guilty ones were glad to conceal their meanness. The better class were mortified. There are many other rich things connected with the stewardship of Maj. Arnold at Pearlington that I can not tell now.

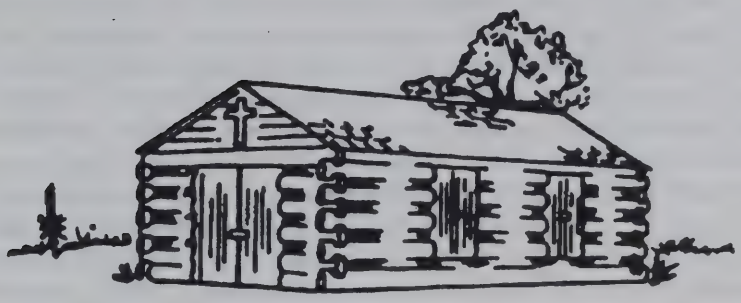
"If you will allow me in a future number I want to tell you the story of the 'witch killer,' a local preacher, who lived in my circuit, and a highwayman and murderer, who professed religion and joined our church that year, and of his end, and about some other notables of a better class."

H. J. Harris, Ladonia, Texas, The New Orleans Christian Advocate, November 9, 1882.

"Reminiscences" Part Three

"I have your tacit consent, Mr. Editor, and a kindly mention by one of your correspondents, justifying the continuance of my "Reminiscences," and, as I proposed in my last, I devote one more chapter to old Pearlington circuit. If preceding chapters have awakened no special interest elsewhere, I am gratified to see from Bro. Sandall's letters that the blessed gospel has wrought wonders about Pearlington since my day there, and his exhibit of the present status of the church, contrasted with the former, is calculated to encourage and rejoice the hearts of those who "sowed in tears" the seed of righteousness and trust long years ago. Thanks be to God!

"From various private sources I have received expressions of a desire that I should write of other fields in which I have labored in the bounds of the Mississippi Conference. It will afford me pleasure to do so, under editorial limitations, and as other duties allow. This by way of parenthesis.



Log church, like the one built in Pearlington, 1842.

1842 Map shows Pearlington

The Witch Killer

"On the Pearlington circuit, that part of it known as the Black Creek country, there was a noted character. An old man named Dearman, who professed to have power over familiar spirits. He was known as the "witch killer." He was a local preacher in the Methodist Church. His influence was wonderful. So confident were the people of that section that he had "power over unclean spirits" that they visited him from far and near and consulted him. When the victim of supposed witchcraft was too feeble to go to him, he was sent for, and went to the house of the afflicted. It would astonish your readers if I were to give the names of men and women of that day who were firm believers in witchcraft and patronized this old man. Many persons about that time made their livings by hunting. Venison hams were a staple article of commerce. The custom was to "still hunt," as they called it, for several days, kill several deer, dress the hams, and take them in small carts to Biloxi, Bay St. Louis and Mississippi City, and exchange them for flour, mess pork, tobacco and whiskey. It frequently happened that those hunters were unsuccessful: wasting much ammunition and getting but little venison. They concluded at once there was a "spell" upon their guns, and they posted straightaway to old man Dearman to remove the "spell." I have known persons to go from fifty to seventy-five or one hundred miles to consult the "witch killer." I was fully convinced that this old man could exert no good influence as a preacher (indeed, he never had an appointment to preach), and determined to rid the church of such a burden. To this end I made a special visit. He lived in a smoked cabin in the midst of a dense pine forest, far from any neighbor. As I approached the cabin I saw it was encircled with a perfect net-work of "cotton yarn," as our grandmothers used to call it, of the texture of an old- fashioned candle wick, enclosing an area of, perhaps, an acre around the cabin. This was to entangle the evil spirits if they dared to approach his sanctuary. I confess I felt a strange sensation creeping over me as I approached. Still I ventured by a small path, and was welcomed to the eminently-fitting castle of the "witch killer." I was compelled to spend the night there. It was dark, dreary, a bitter cold night. The snow drifted in upon me. Oh! such a night as I spent there. I talked, advised, remonstrated with the old man, but all to no purpose. I told him finally that he must cease to ply his trade of destroying evil spirits after the manner he did it, or surrender his authority to preach. He would not decide; but the Quarterly Conference decided for him, and he failed to obtain a renewal of his license to preach.

1841

"In the month of August, '41, we had a camp meeting in the Evan's neighborhood, about eight or nine miles back from Mississippi City. Strange to say, one of the most active, liberal supporters of this meeting was a gentleman said to be skeptical on the subject of religion. He was nevertheless the embodiment of public spirit, always forward to support a good enterprise, and, if any souls are in heaven as the fruit of that meeting, I hesitate to not to say that, so far as human agency is concerned, much credit is due the name and memory of Col. John J. McCaughan. He was the friend of my boyhood and orphanage before I became a preacher. I honor his memory, and am sorry that he was not a Christian. At this time there was in the neighborhood a young man of more than ordinary sprightliness --- one "Charlie McGrath." He had come into the neighborhood a stranger, not related in any way by consanguinity to any person in the neighborhood. I think he hailed from New York or some one of the Northern States. He was a sort of waif, but he had ingratiated himself with the best families of the community, and behaved himself always with becoming propriety. During the camp meeting he professed to be the subject of Divine awakening and made profession of religion. All were rejoiced to witness this. After I left the circuit, and, perhaps, the next year, he was licensed to preach. The next I heard of him, some five or six years, perhaps, longer, afterward, his name was published in the list of notorious highwaymen, known as the "Coleman Clan," that infested the counties of Perry and Marion, in Mississippi, and were guilty of many and gross outrages. Charlie McGrath was the murderer of old man "Bob Lot," who kept a ferry on Black Creek, in Marion County. He imposed himself upon old man Lot as a Baptist preacher, shared his

hospitality for several days, found out his treasure, then cruelly murdered and robbed him. Poor McGrath expiated his crime as he deserved. What a warning to "lay hands suddenly on no man."

"Prolixity is a fault of old men I am aware, I try to guard against this, but have failed. Very many things crowd my mind that I want to say, but must forbear. If spared, I think now that I will write of other fields."

Rev. H. J. Harris, Pittsburg, Camp Co., Texas, The New Orleans Christian Advocate, January 4, 1883.

1842

FIRST CHURCH BUILDING WAS A LOG CHURCH

W. B. Jones, in his history of Mississippi Methodism, reports that "Rodin Seal, Esq., gave (H. Y.) McNabb (pastor of Pearlington Circuit) a lot, and the people built a log church on it."

W. B. JONES, A COMPLETE HISTORY OF METHODISM, pp. 93-94

1844

BILL MOVES CUSTOM HOUSE FROM PEARLINGTON TO BAY ST. LOUIS

Perhaps as evidence of the decline in Pearlington at this period, the Legislature, in January 1844, approved a bill to move the Custom House from Pearlington to Shieldsboro (Bay St. Louis).

MAINE YANKEE COMES TO LOGTOWN

According to S. G. Thigpen, Henry Weston moved from Maine to Wisconsin in 1844. Not being able to sustain the harsh winters there, Weston moved to Logtown, Mississippi. Weston managed the Wingate log mill. In 1854, Wingate sold his business to John Russ, W. W. Carre and Henry Carre. Weston continued to operate the mill for the new owners. In 1856, John Russ conveyed his interest to Weston. He married Lois Mead of Gainesville on July 15, 1858. That same year, the mill burned, but was immediately rebuilt.

Weston and his partners had paid for the mill by the time Civil War broke out in 1861. However, Federal troops captured the mill in 1862. Weston and the Carres restarted the mill in 1865, selling all the lumber they could produce. In 1874, Weston bought out the Carres. The H. Weston Lumber Company mills continued operation until 1924.

S. G. Thigpen, PEARL RIVER, pp.88-90.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, SOUTH, CREATED

The foretaste of the split between North and South was manifested in most of the major denominations in the mid 1840s. For the Methodist Episcopal Church, the division came in 1844. Southern Methodists, many of whom owned slaves, split with their Northern counterparts, and created the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. The denomination was known by that name until 1939, when Northern and Southern Methodists reunited under the name, The Methodist Church.

1846

HORSE RACE CONDUCTED AT PEARLINGTON

"In a horse race January 10, 1846, at Pearlington, Hancock County, Mississippi, there was a full attendance.

"C. A. Folsom, Post Master at Gainesville, pitted his Black Hawk against lumberman and sawmill operator W. J. Poitevent's Sleepy Jim.

"The little bay, Sleepy Jim, won."

Gainesville (Miss.) Advocate, January 17, 1846

1848 **BEAUVOIR BEGUN WITH HOUSE FOR CIRCUIT RIDERS**

In 1848, wealthy planter, James Brown, purchased the land on which he built a mansion that later became known as Beauvoir. In 1850, construction began. The main house with two adjoining dwellings were completed. One of the adjoining houses was designated as a residence for itinerate Methodist circuit riders.

The most famous occupant of Beauvoir was Jefferson Davis, president of the Confederate States of America. Today, Beauvior is a shrine to the late Mr. Davis.

1849 **"PEARL RIVERS," WOMAN PIONEER, BORN AT PEARLINGTON**

One of Pearlington's most famous natives was born Eliza Jane Poitevent. Eliza, who used the pen name, "Pearl Rivers," became the first woman publisher of a major daily newspaper in the United States: The New Orleans Daily Picayune.

Eliza loved the outdoors. By age fourteen, she was writing poetry which she described as "delicate pictures of the simple beauty" she found. By eighteen, she was sending copies of her work to the New York Journal and to New Orleans newspapers.

On a trip to New Orleans, she met Col. A. M. Holbrook, editor of the Daily Picayune. He offered her a job at $25 a week as literary editor. She accepted, becoming the first woman in the South to earn her living at a newspaper. In 1872, Eliza and Col. Holbrook married. He was 64, she was 23.

When Col. Holbrook died in 1876, Eliza was faced with what to do with the newspaper, then heavily in debt. She decided , at age 27, to take control, saying, "I'll stick." She resolved the financial crisis.

In 1878, she remarried to George Nicholson. They formed a powerful publishing team.

Eliza Poitevent Holbrook Nicholson's accomplishments are numerous. She was truly a pioneer for women long before anyone heard of Equal Rights.

Eliza died in 1896, just eleven days after her second husband. She was only 47 years old.

1850s **PEARLINGTON SLAVE INVENTS LOGGING ADVANCEMENT**

"In the 1850s Usan Vaughn, a Pearlington slave blacksmith, owned by Nezan Favre, developed the famous high wheeled wide tread "carrylog" that made it possible for Coast logging crews to work in wet ground and haul out logs of any size with their sturdy ox teams. A half century later another Mississippian, John Lindsey of Laurel, developed the eight wheel ox wagon that outmoded the "carrylog" and preceded the motor truck and which later was popular in Central Europe and South America."

Ray Thompson, Coast Lumber Lore.

1850-51 **REVIVALS IN THE LOWER PEARL RIVER VALLEY**

"Revivals were held at Napoleon and Gainesville this year with forty-five accessions, **the preacher being summoned from New Orleans by means of the telegraph, probably the first such event in Mississippi Methodist history, the telegraph line having been put through from New York to New Orleans two years before.** There

was a revival, also, at Biloxi, with thirty six additions. Methodism was slowly moving toward the Coast."

J. B. Cain, METHODISM IN THE MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE, 1846-1870, p. 73.

THE GAINESVILLE COMMUNITY HISTORY

In S. G. Thigpen's book, *Pearl River: Highway to Glory Land*, one may find much information about the background of the Gainesville community. A Spanish land grant was issued in 1810 to Ambrose Gaines, a medical doctor, for the area known as Gainesville. At first, Gaines called his possession Gaines Bluff. Some say the bluff was called Cottonport, for obvious reasons. However, the place became known as Gainesville. Indians, of course, were the earliest residents, but it appears that several white families were there when Gaines arrived. The 1821 tax roll showed Dr. Gaines owned 500 acres and one slave.

According to Thigpen, Gainesville was listed in the 1830s as one of three most important communities in South Mississippi, the other two being Pearlington and Biloxi. He stated, "Their locations on the river made Gainesville and Pearlington important towns in South Mississippi for a hundred years."

Thigpen also tells us that Copeland, head of an infamous gang that terrorized South Mississippi in the 1840s and 1850s, frequently came to Gainesville. It was at Gainesville that Copeland was finally arrested, placed in jail, and transported for trial from which he was convicted and hung in Perry County.

After the Civil War, Gainesville seems to have declined in importance, losing its prominence to nearby Logtown and Pearlington. The Gainesville Circuit of Methodism was renamed Pearlington Circuit in the 1870s. The modest church is mentioned in church records into the 1900s. Gainesville was taken over by the NASA test facility in the 1960s. The main buildings at NASA sit near where the old town of Dr. Gaines on the Pearl River once knew an brief era of prosperity.

1851

SEMI-METHODIST SCHOOL AT NAPOLEON

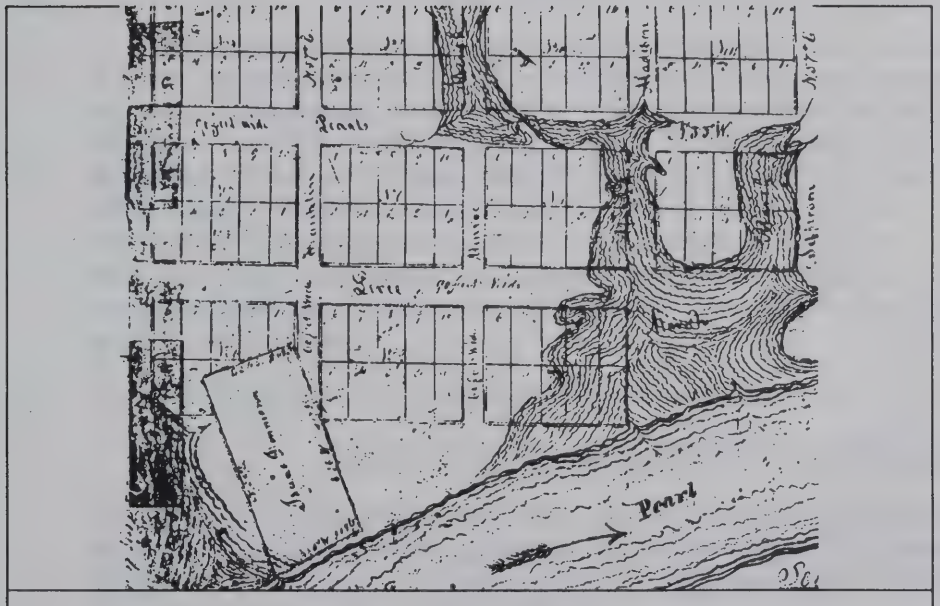
"Three semi-Methodist schools are mentioned in the records of this year: Pleasant Hill academy, six mi. south of Paulding, with Rev. Edwin S. Robinson and his wife in charge, a school of several year's standing, incorporated in January, 1848; and new academies at Napoleon, between Pearlington and Gainesville, with Rev. E. D. Pitts in charge, and at Westville, with Rev. M. R. Hollister as principal. All of these men were local Methodist preachers but the schools were not under the auspices of the church."

J. B. Cain, METHODISM IN THE MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE, 1846-1870, p. 72.

GAINESVILLE CIRCUIT, MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE

"Brother McTyeire- There have been some excellent and profitable meetings held on the Gainesville Circuit, Mississippi Conference, during this year. Brother Allen Castle is an active worker, has filled his appointments, visited his people, and supplied them with books. The Church hath forth from wilderness walked, with beauty clad, and with glory on her brow. It is a cheering instance of the power of Christianity to triumph over infidelity. We have paid $190 to the ministry, about $50 to the missionary cause, about $50 to the church papers, bought $200 worth of books, had a number of conversions, and two hundred accessions to the church.

Lumber Mill



1851 Map of Pearlington

"The two last meetings were held at Napoleon and Gainesville. They were marked with deep feeling and intense solemnity. A number found comfort and peace in believing; forty five joined the Church, a hopeful band of youthful warriors. Only three of my pupils of proper age remain without the fold. I have reason to catch up and echo the sentiment: 'Hallelujah! science subsenses religion.' They wish a minister stationed at Gainesville -- an unmarried man or with a small family. the work demands, the prospects justify it.

"We were gladdened by the presence, and aided by the labors of Rev. N. A. Cravens. He came in answer to a telegraphic dispatch sent by us to yourself for help, and preached but a few times; yet his well arranged and elaborate sermons, forcibly applied by warm and affectionate appeals, produced a great and happy effect. We pray the Lord to distill plentifully the dews of grace upon the word sown, and give him an abundant harvest."

Napoleon, Miss., Oct 27, 1851

MAP DRAWN OF PEARLINGTON

Elihu Carver made a drawing of the Town of Pearlington in the County of Hancock, State of Mississippi. The map, a copy of the original map drawn in 1819, clearly shows the Methodist Episcopal Church on the same lot where it stands today, near the corner of Franklin and Levee Avenue.

1851-52

METHODIST CHURCH ORGANIZED AT BAY ST. LOUIS

"A new church was organized this year in the town of Shieldsboro, now known as Bay St. Louis. Methodism was exceedingly weak along the gulf section and this particular community did not belong specifically within the territory of either of the two pastoral charges in that section. The Biloxi circuit, George T. Vickers, preacher-in-charge, did not reach as far west as the western side of the Bay of St. Louis, and the Gainesville circuit, James O. Woodward, pastor, did not reach that far south. The actual organization of a Methodist congregation was effected by E. D. Pitts, a local Methodist preacher and a teacher, who had established schools at Napoleon, on Pearl river above Pearlington, and in the town of Shieldsboro. The new church was attached to the Gainesville charge."

J. B. Cain, METHODISM IN THE MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE, 1846-1870, pp. 89-90.

1852

WAILES JOURNAL INCLUDES VISIT TO PEARLINGTON

Benjamin L. C. Wailes, an early naturalist and cotton planter, spent at least ten years of his life making an agricultural and geological survey of Mississippi. He recorded his observations in a journal until his death in 1862. In 1852, he made a tour of South Mississippi, which included a trip to Pearlington:

"Sunday, 15 August 1852. At Gainesville there is a large Steam saw mill. It is the county seat, the Court House a very poor frame building, and the other building indifferent, the place quite a small one and the site not as handsome as that at Napoleon three miles below."

"Stopped a short time at Pearlington, a scattering and dingy french-looking village on another bluff within eight miles of the mouth of the (Pearl) River, with the salt marsh on the opposite side and extending down to the lake. This is said to be the best and most accessible harbor in the State, with a fair depth of water.

"The roads are very level and dry in this Region at this time, and the weather moderate and pleasant. Found the mosquitoes a little troublesome to the horses in traveling through some of the wet flat places to-day.

"Monday, 16 Aug: Revisited Pearlington, and was shown all the capabilities of the place. Found two large Steam (saw) mills in progress of erection and an Academy for boys and girls.

"Proceeded to Judge Louis Daniel's. The Judge being absent, I visited an ancient fortification and group of mounds and shell bank in his field on Boisdore's, or Mulatto Bayou.

The Judge does not doubt as to the mounds of shell being the work of art, and attributes them to the early French Colonialists about the period of the settlement of Baluxi (Biloxi). There are, however, on the top of the wall at this time growing two live oak trees at least three feet through and a magnolia Graniflora of at least four on the side of it, which would indicate a greater antiquity.

1853

JOHN F. H. CLAIBORNE MOVES TO LAUREL WOOD

One of Pearlington's most prominent citizens moved to Laurel Wood plantation in 1853. John F. H. Claiborne, politician and historian, moved into the famous house two miles from Pearlington as a 44 year old man. He previously served as Legislator and Congressman. His most memorable accomplishment was the writing of *Mississippi As a Province, Territory, and State.* Claiborne died in 1884 at the age of 77.

GAINESVILLE COURTHOUSE BURNS

Records indicate the old courthouse at Gainesville burned March 31, 1853. Another Courthouse was at Bay St. Louis. Legend has it that the Bay Courthouse had concrete sidewalks. Many citizens from the country would not walk upon the sidewalks when they came to do their business, because they had never seen a sidewalk before and did not know its function.

1854

GAINESVILLE CIRCUIT REPORT IN CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE

"On the 13th and 14th of February was the time of our first Quarterly Conference on the Gainesville; but owing to some unavoidable causes, our venerable presiding Elder, Brother Pipkin, did not reach his appointment. We had and excellent time for the meeting, and a new large congregation, both Saturday and Sunday. The people were considerably disappointed in not seeing and hearing the Elder, but none of them half as much as I was. The best of all, the Lord was with us, and although the lot fell upon Jonah to do all the preaching, yet it was accompanied by the Holy Spirit to the hearts of the people; and after the 11 o'clock sermon on Sunday, I opened the door of the Church to receive members, when one lady joined. I then asked if there was another that wished to enlist, and to my surprise a little boy 10 years of age came up and said, "Yes, here is another." I then paused for a moment and asked the older part of the congregation to take pattern by the little boy. No other person joined at that time. We had a real old fashioned class meeting at 3 o'clock in the evening. Although there are but few members of our Church in Gainesville, the classrooms were nearly filled by members of different churched and others. I have attended many class meetings, but

never many better ones than the one above mentioned. In fact, we had real old fashioned shouting. The Church was greatly blessed. At night we had a solemn time and seven others volunteered for the war. God grant that all may prove faithful to the end; and may the good begun work go on until every sinner in the bounds of Gainesville circuit shall be converted."

H. D. Berry, New Orleans Christian Advocate, Saturday, Feb. 27, 1854

GAINESVILLE CIRCUIT

Hancock County, MS, June 5, 1854

"Good news from this benighted region, my dear sir. Our faithful circuit rider, Rev. H. D. Berry, seems to be laboring with a special blessing. His mild, persuasive, unassuming, but earnest and zealous manner has secured many friends for himself and for the cause. The congregation at Gainesville, Pearlington, and Bay St. Louis, while had dwindled away to nothing, are now large, sonorous and attuitive. At Jordan River he has an excellent congregation, and so at other places. On the 22nd, 3rd ultimo, another meeting was held at Pearlington. The weather was precipitous, and to the gratification of all our much loved and venerated Presiding Elder, Rev. B. Pipkin, arrived in due time - travel worn from his long and fatiguing journey - scarred all over with wounds from his conflicts with the great enemy of souls, in his campaigning of nearly forty years - but still full of the fire and vigor of the Christian warrior. He preached Saturday and Sunday morning and evening, with prodigious power and effort, and many, I doubt not, will have reason to be thankful that they were there to hear him. A deep feeling was apparent. Several influential citizens joined. Many had their consciences awakened. A few such visits and a few such sermons from this able and faithful servant of God, and Gainesville circuit, with the blessing of providence, can no more be referred to as a moral wilderness. "Since the Rev. M. Berry came here, some fifty or more have been added to the church. Such was the desire to hear the Presiding Elder, that on Sabbath morning, the steamboat *Warren*, Capt. Poitevent, was liberally placed at the disposal of the citizens of Gainesville, and the whole town and country round came down to Pearlington. It was an imposing and solemn spectacle, that large and serious congregation, receiving, with deep emotion, the sacred oracles, as they fell from the inspired lips of the aged servant of God."

A Seeker, October 6 (New Orleans Christian Advocate)

GAINESVILLE CIRCUIT REPORT IN ADVOCATE

Rev. H. D. Berry, writes: "We have just closed our Fourth Quarterly Meeting; our venerable and beloved Presiding Elder, Brother Pipkin, was not able to be with us on account of ill health. Brother Boyes from the Columbia circuit, came in time to render us faithful help. I also feel very grateful for the assistance of Brother Laurence. The meeting lasted six days, during which time I baptized eighteen children and four adults, and took twenty on probation into the Church. The Church was greatly blessed, and great good accomplished. About seventy-five have joined the church during the year. May the good Lord carry on the work."

REVIVAL NOTICE

"There will be a Camp-meeting on Gainesville circuit, Miss. Conference, eighteen miles below Columbia, on Pearl River, commencing on Thursday before the fourth Sunday in October."

Archibold Nicholson, P. C., The New Orleans Christian Advocate, August 19, 1854.

1857-58 **COAST CIRCUITS**

"There were only two circuits in the Mississippi Conference at that time that touched the coast. One of them extended along the coast for some distance and was called Seashore. Biloxi was its farthest point east, since Ocean Springs and all the coast towns in Jackson county were within the bounds of the Alabama Conference. The Seashore circuit extended as far west as Pass Christian and was bounded on the east by the Bay of Biloxi and on the west by the Bay of St. Louis. The principal point on the charge was Handsboro, a thriving community a mile or more from the coast near Mississippi City. The town of Bay St. Louis, sometimes called Shieldsboro, was on the Gainesville circuit, which extended north and south along the eastern side of Pearl river. There were four appointments on this circuit, namely: Gainesville, Bay St. Louis, Pearlington, and Jordan (Jourdan) River. A revival of much spiritual intensity took place on the Gainesville charge this year, and fifty persons were added to the church as a result." Gainesville Mission: Pastor, James English assessed $225, paid $119.

1858 **REPORT OF YELLOW FEVER EPIDEMIC**

"Back when I grew up people talked about the (yellow fever) epidemic of 1858 and later ones."

S. G. Thigpen, PEARL RIVER, p. 75.

Pearlington's Hancock Bank and Doctor's Office

Chapter Four: Civil War Years in Pearlington (1860-1865)

1860 — **NORTH AND SOUTH REACH IMPASSE**

1861 — **MISSISSIPPI SECEDES FROM THE UNION**

1863-64 — **GAINESVILLE CIRCUIT**

"Another appointment bears an unfamiliar name to modern readers. The name of Gainesville mission in the Paulding district reminds us of a village of some size, that once served as the center of a Methodist circuit. Gainesville was on Pearl river, about twenty-five miles from Bay St. Louis. Before the Civil War it was of importance as a trading place for a considerable section of the adjacent territory. From the early days of Methodism in Mississippi there had been Methodist churches along Pearl river, but they had been stronger on the west side of the river in the vicinity of John Ford's. Just how early Methodist churches were established on the east side of the river nobody seems to know. The first circuit east of earl river and south of the Whitesand circuit was formed at the Annual Conference held at Vicksburg in 1836. It was called Pearlington from a small community, also on Pearl river, about eight miles south of Gainesville. By 1843 the work had extended along the Mississippi gulf coast and the name of the charge was changed to Biloxi, from the chief coast city. A glance at the map reveals that this was a vast circuit, extending to all of the small towns along the coast and up the Pearl river for a considerable distance. We are not surprised to find two preachers assigned to this large area, both of whom, James Y. Griffing and Daniel A. J. Parker, continued to prove their worth to the cause of Methodism by many years of faithful and efficient service. In 1847 the charge was given a double name, Biloxi and Gainesville, and as usual two preachers were assigned to that charge. From the order of their names it would appear that Solomon G. Simpkins was in charge of that part of the work along the coast and that Seaborn Hyde was in charge of the Pearl river. The next year, at the Annual Conference of 1848, the charge was not only divided but the two charges formed were placed in separate districts, Biloxi in the Jackson district and Gainesville in the Covington district with Alexander A. Lewis as its first pastor. In 1858 the Gainesville charge consisted of four churches, Gainesville, Pearlington, Bay St. Louis, and Jourdan River. Henry D. Berry was pastor that year, which was marked by gracious revivals, in which fifty were added to the church. From that time until the outbreak of the Civil War the Gainesville charge had a fairly large membership, but they were in the main poor people, so that in 1864 it was served as a mission and appeared under that name. The name Gainesville appears for the last time in the list of appointments in 1870, after which the name of the charge was changed to Pearlington, by which name it had been called thirty years before."

J. B. Cain, METHODISM IN THE MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE, 1846-1870, pp. 375-377.

FEDERAL GUNBOAT SUNK AT LOGTOWN

A CENTURY AGO, FEDERAL TROOPS BOMBARDED PEARLINGTON & RAIDED

by S. G. Thigpen (1969)

"A little more than 100 years ago, people in South Mississippi, as well as in other sections of the South, lived in the fear and dread that war brings just as do many people in the world today.

"Pearlington was bombarded by the Federal gunboat, the *Wabash*, in 1863 or early 1864. Though the gunboat met no opposition when it steamed up the river, it shelled the little town with random shots as it advanced up the stream joining Pearlington on the west.

"Why the gunboat fired on the defenseless community has never been explained. No Southern troops were stationed there, no opposition offered. The only explanation was that the Federal officer in charge wanted to make a showing of force to scare the people, or he wanted to report to his superior officers that he had bombarded the little river town into submission.

"Many of the citizens of Pearlington, if most of them, fled from their homes as the shelling continued.

"Mrs. Bertha Knighton Williams of New Orleans, who was born and reared in Pearlington, wrote, "My grandmother said, "When the Yankee gunboat started firing their cannons indiscriminately into our community, we all started running out to Judge White's place on what is known as White's Bayou. My sister, Mary Armistead, picked up my baby and started running when Minnie balls began striking in the section where we lived. When the Yankee gunboat left, we all went back home."

"For many years there were big sweet gum trees on the back street with scars where the Minnie balls were buried in them. We had some Minnie balls at our house until just a few years ago, she wrote. Mrs. Williams sent me this in early 1968.

"Shortly after the bombardment of Pearlington, the *Wabash* went on up the river in the direction of Gainesville, at that time the biggest and most important town on the river. The captain of the *Wabash* tried to find a pilot who knew the river, but all the young pilots were away in the army, and the older ones hid and could not be found. Apparently being impatient to go on to Gainesville, the gunboat went up the river without a competent pilot. On a sharp bend in the river about a mile north of Logtown, the *Wabash* struck an obstruction in the river and sank, "Mrs. Williams" letter said.

"Whether Yankee troops were stationed regularly in Pearlington I do not know, but at least they regularly visited there and took from the people part, sometimes all, of what they had. Back then the government had no way of supplying troops in isolated places like Pearlington. The soldiers lived on what they took from the people in the general area.

"The jayhawkers (natives who turned robbers when law enforcement broke down under war conditions) were much worse than the soldiers in their treatment of the unprotected people. Two ladies, Mrs. Miles and Mrs. Winslow, kept a supply of goods at their home. They were visited by jayhawkers and robbed of everything they had. Another widow, Mrs. Phoebe Hawthorne, had a store in her home near the river. It was stripped of supplies several times by the jayhawkers. W. T. Boardman of Mobile, Ala., told me his grandmother, Mrs. Patti Seal Boardman, told him that the Yankees who came to Pearlington were as a rule courteous and took only what that needed from the people, and that the officers ordered all the soldiers to treat the people with courtesy and to take only what they needed.

"When he saw that the soldiers might be in Pearlington, or in control there for some time, my grandfather moved his family to Nixon's Bluff on Pearl River and stayed there until the war was over. The family planted all kinds of food crops and had hogs

and cattle in the swamp. They did not suffer for want of food. They lived in an isolated place difficult to get to and seldom visited by soldiers or jayhawkers. They kept only a small part of their food at their camp on Nixon's Bluff for the soldiers or jayhawkers to take away from them. They kept the bulk of their food hidden in secure places in the nearby swamp. Also, they kept what they had where thieves or soldiers could not find it.

"During the war there were shortages of many things people had depended on getting at stores. Due to the confiscation by the soldiers and robbery by the jayhawkers most all stores ceased to operate. Salt became so scarce that my grandmother, Julia Armistead, and my great-grandmother, Harriet Armistead, made palmetto hats and traded them for salt, a hat for a peck of salt.

"Many families up and down the river in the section patrolled by Union soldiers took refuge in Pearl River Swamp during the war, many of them going into nearby Honey Island. Several families from the Pearlington and Gainesville areas lived during the last two years of the war in Honey Island just across the river from Nicholson.

"There is no record of continuous, or regular, occupation of Pearlington by Federal troops, but it is certain that Federal troops were stationed at Gainesville for many months. They lived off the country and made regular raids into the surrounding country side to get food. They raided the Frank Stockstill place in Picayune which stood where Westchester Heights subdivision now is. They drove off all the cattle belonging to that family while Stockstill was serving in the Confederate army. They drove off the best cattle belonging to Aunt Vinie Mitchell who lived near where Cedar Grove Church now is, about four miles south of Picayune. Aunt Vinie was a fiery and dominating personality. She was greatly outraged at the forcible taking of her property. Legend has it that she warned them never to come back to her place or they would be killed. The soldiers laughed at her, but when five of them came back later, all were killed. They were buried near Cedar Grove church. The commanding officer at Gainesville made a thorough investigation but could get no information. After that larger detachments of soldiers were sent out on raiding parties."

Picayune Item, February 20, 1969

1865 **MRS. BOARDMAN**

"Mrs. Martha Patsy Seal Boardman, a spunky little woman but mother to two sets of twins, looked out one day and saw Yankee marauders at her home in Pearlington, Hancock County, Mississippi, to see them tearing down her fence.

"Undeterred by size or numbers she tore across the field and told them off. In astonishment and recognition of her determined right to defend her property, they slunk off but not before replacing some of the fencing they had removed while she grimly watched.

"Mrs. Boardman was the sister of such noted residents of the Pearl River area as Roderick Seal and Daniel B. Seal, both brothers to her, also brother Marshall.

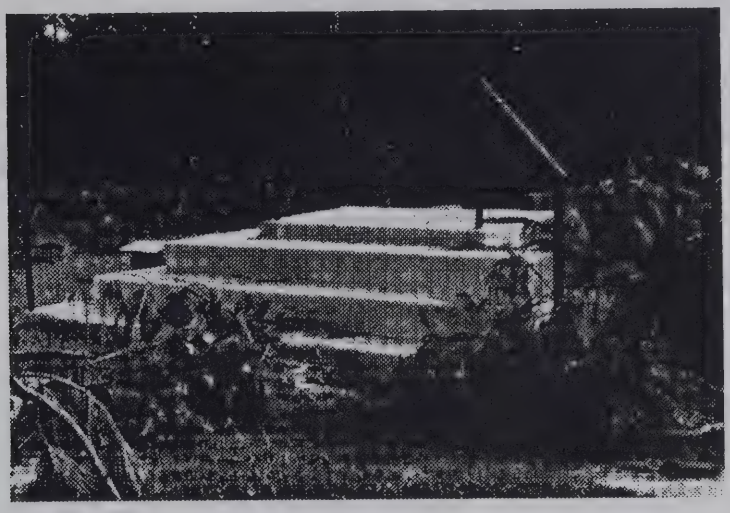
"Her husband was a seafaring man, Daniel Abram Boardman, born 1809 in Inswich, Massachusetts, who probably sailed a lumber seeking vessel into the Pearl.

"Brothers Roderick and Daniel B. were both graduates of V.M.I.

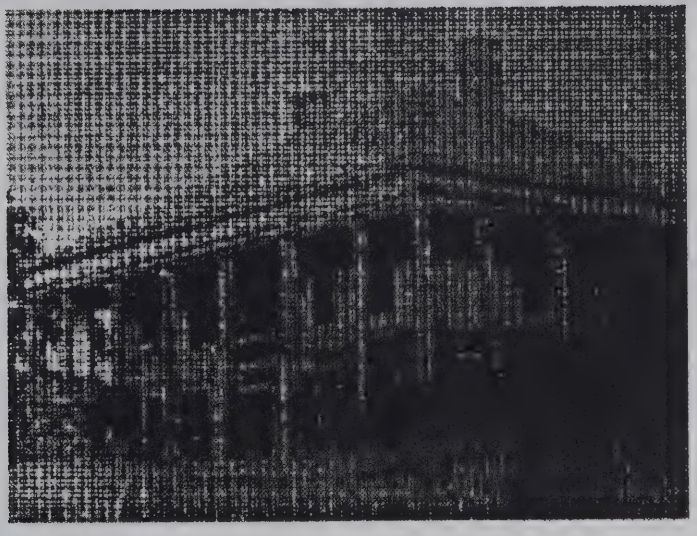
"Under strict Methodist teachings, card playing and dancing were prohibited. Naturally, the sea captain had more worldly views and with his little wife would enjoy card-playing at home and permitted their children to dance there. One Sunday, the Methodist preacher read out to the assembled congregation the names of those who played cards and danced which included the Boardman children. Again in wrath up stood little Mrs. Boardman, told him she countenanced such activities in her own home if not outside, saw nothing wrong with it and walked out of church with her children."

M. James Stevens in an interview with Princess Fahey, January 29, 1975

THE CIVIL WAR ENDS WITH SOUTH DEVASTATED



Gone with the wind! Camille literally blows Clermont away!



Laurel Wood Plantation, built in 1800 by Louis Boisdore.

Chapter Five: Reconstruction Era Pearlington (1865-1899)

1866 **POITEVENT & FAVRE LUMBER COMPANY FOUNDED**

GAINESVILLE STAR BEGINS PUBLICATION

One of Hancock County's earliest newspapers was the *Gainesville Star.* It began publication in 1866.

1870 **HOLMES CHAPEL CHURCH ORGANIZED AT PEARLINGTON**

"In 1870, Holmes Chapel M. E. (Methodist Episcopal) Church was organized at Pearlington, Miss. The members first worshiped in a rented house, but in a short while they built a church. Rosa McKan and Isabella Gilbert raised the first hundred dollars on the new church, and more money on the furniture when the church was finished. For the faithful work of these two sisters the brethren promised to have their names engraved on the corner stone, but by some means or other this was overlooked in the premises, possibly not intentionally. This church at one time was the leading Methodist church on the coast of Mississippi. It has a great history in the uplift of the Negro both in religion and education. Some of the ablest preachers in the denomination have pastored this church. Men like the Reverend Dr. Clemens, the Rev. G. W. Smith, who was advanced to presiding elder or district superintendent; the Rev. W. H. Smith, who built a new church, which was as fine as any colored Methodist church on the coast; and the Rev. Jesse Holmes, who was also a district superintendent and an excellent preacher.

"April 17, 1912, the steeple of this church was also struck by lightening. This church has sent out three preachers who have pastored splendid churches, namely, the Rev. David F. Dudley, the Rev. Henry McCarthy, and the Rev. James Young."

E. W. Maxson, The Progress of the Races, pp. 35-36.

May 4, 1871 **GAINESVILLE INDUSTRIALIST, CAPT. W. J. POITEVENT, LOSES BARGE LOAD OF BRICKS AND LARGE BOOM OF LOGS IN STORM**

"Some weeks ago Capt. W. J. Poitevent of Gainesville suffered a heavy financial loss.

"A large barge loaded with brick in tow of his little steamboat *Duck* sank near Pointe-aux-Herbes in Lake Pontchartrain during a heavy blow, and the steamboat herself was benched and badly injured.

"At about the same time, he lost a large boom of expensive logs by its breaking through in the gale.

"He estimates his loss at about $12,000."

Bay St. Louis Gazette, May 20, 1871

1871 **PASTORAL CHARGES**

Pastoral Charges for the Seashore District this years were Mt. Carmel, Rankin, Columbia Mission, Gainesville, Handsboro, White Plains Mission, Enon, Pascagoula, West Pascagoula, Green.

The Quarterly Conference for Gainesville Circuit was at Gainesville, February 25-26.

June 1871 — **RICE AND CORN CROPS REDUCED BY OVERFLOW OF SWAMP**

"Although we had splendid weather for almost all kinds of crops, still in the valley of Pearl River, the high water has over-flowed the whole swamp in which are located the richest and most fertile farms of Hancock County.

"This cuts short the rice and corn crops.

"In the high pine lands of the interior we hear that crops of all kinds look promising, and with the gradual introduction of commercial manures we may look for increased yield hereafter."

Bay St. Louis Gazette, June 4, 1871.

April 1872 — **BUSINESS BRISK AT PEARLINGTON AND LOGTOWN**

"Business is brisk at those thriving villages of Pearlington and Logtown. The mills are generally sawing to order, employ eight or ten vessels, but can scarcely as fast as it is called for."

Bay St. Louis Republican, in New Orleans Picayune, May 5, 1872

SEASHORE CAMPGROUND OPENS NEAR BILOXI

The Seashore Camp Meeting facility opened on the beach near Biloxi at the location of what today we call the Seashore Methodist Assembly. The campground was the site of old fashioned camp meetings where thousands of people came each summer for preaching, revivals, and spiritual renewal. The impact of this camp meeting is shown below (1876).

1873 — **DEATH REPORTED IN METHODIST ANNUAL**

"Abner McGuire, a native of Pearlington, also died in July. He was 20 years old and had joined the Methodists in 1866 when 13 years old."

W. B. Jones, METHODISM IN THE MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE, 1871-1893, p. 74

1876 — **METHODIST WORK PROSPERS**

"From the Work. Pearlington, Mississippi Conference

"Mr. Editor: The work of salvation has been progressing on this circuit (W. W. Hopper, pastor) from the beginning of the year. We bless God that the Seashore Camp Meeting has given it a fresh impetus. The third quarterly meeting, held at this place, commenced on last Saturday, is protracted, and has thus far been a great success. Twenty-four accessions to the church by profession of faith, preachers paid up to time, three of the Conference collections have been raised, with a surplus to each, and the fourth will meet a similar response when the effort is made. Thank God."

"Thomas Price, Pearlington, Mississippi Conference, August 23, 1876"

The Christian Advocate, New Orleans, August 30, 1876

These events are collaborated by W. B. Jones' history: "Thomas Price, presiding elder, reported 84 accessions to date this year on the Pearlington circuit. A revival was held at Pearlington with 24 accessions, 10 at the fourth quarterly conference."

W. B. Jones, METHODISM IN THE MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE, 1871-1893, p. 124

1878

CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE REPORT

Rev. A. B. Nicholson, writing from Pearlington, October 23, 1878, says:
"Yellow fever has been in this town ever since the first of August. It has visited this place several times, but has never been an epidemic, in the common acceptation of that word, though it proved fatal in nearly every case; so it has this year. No new cases at this date. Business of all kinds has stopped; church matters suspended; Sunday-schools stopped; our flock scattered - some have crossed the last river, mostly young people.

"In this town we have a flourishing Methodist church, a parsonage, and the preacher well cared for.

"Logtown, two miles above here, a small place of not more than two hundred inhabitants, has been awfully scourged by the fever, in fact I question whether any place in the South has suffered more than Logtown, according to its population. While but between forty and fifty genuine cases of yellow fever have been reported, almost the entire population has been prostrated; the death rate very heavy. In that community we had a new and beautiful church, a respectable congregation, Sunday-school and Missionary Society; but alas, how sad to-day. Our steward there Bro. Robert Carrie, a noble Christian gentleman, was among the first to fall victim to the disease, and none left to take his place. The fatality has been in the main among the young people.

"Gainesville is eight miles above Logtown. When I was there last but two cases were reported. The white population is almost gone.

"We quarantined, but too late; the fever was in our midst before we began the work. We have a yellow fever doctor with us doing a good work. Nurses have been sent by the Howards. Our local physician, Dr. Mead, though born and educated in the North, met the monster face to face, with a moral heroism that entitles him a great praise. We have to-day cold north wind."

The Christian Advocate, New Orleans, October 26, 1878

NEW PARSONAGE COMPLETED

W. B. Jones recorded these facts: "The completion of a new parsonage, well furnished with new furniture, was reported by A. B. Nicholson at Pearlington. No other church was in the town of Pearlington except the Methodist; there were three churches on the charge, all of them on the Pearl River."

W. B. Jones, METHODISM IN THE MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE, 1871-1893, p. 155

1879

LETTER IN NEW ORLEANS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, March 20, 1879

Pearlington, Mississippi Conference
"Mr. Editor: This circuit is about up to time in the matter of attention to its preacher. When the present incumbent arrived he found a neat, comfortable parsonage in charge of a committee of ladies, a smoking dinner in the stove, and many of the substantials and luxuries of life in the store-room. And since his arrival, many such testimonies have found their way to the store-room. We might deal in personalities, and give details, but that would take up too much time and space. So you may just say Pearlington circuit is all right on this subject, and we trust on all subjects pertaining to the Kingdom of God."

Yours in Christ, Charles W. Calhoun"

LETTER IN NEW ORLEANS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, November 6, 1879

"There is no wonderful manifestation of revival power here. We have, however, an occasional accession to the church. We are raising money to build our new church, and are succeeding finely. We hope to bring up all the assessments. The 'pounding' is almost a daily occurence. The preacher is a well-dressed man, and his wife and children are the recipients of like favors. May the Lord bless the people of this circuit."

Charles W. Calhoun

SEASHORE DISTRICT MEETS AT PEARLINGTON, JUNE 13

"Bishop Keener presided at the Seashore District Conference. Pearlington had the finest steam sawmill in this section of the South, owned by Poitevent and Favre, with a capacity of 100,000 feet of lumber daily. During the Conference a number were converted. John Poitevent and Dr. E. F. Griffin were elected trustees of the Seashore Campground; John A. Ellis, Inman W. Cooper, and Robert Babington, a layman from Franklinton, were elected a committee on a district high school." Lay delegates elected to the Annual Conference were: Seashore District; Robert Babington, J. L. Russ, George Wood, and Irvin Roberts." (Jones, p. 172).

"Pearlington was raising money to build the new church. . ." (p. 176).

"There were five circuits along the Gulf Coast this year: Moss Point, East Pascagoula, West Pascagoula, Seashore, and Pearlington." (p. 178).

W. B. Jones, METHODISM IN THE MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE, 1871-1893,

1881

STORM AT PEARLINGTON, MAIL INTERRUPTED, CHURCH BLOWN DOWN

"There have been no mails to this place since Saturday, February 6, 1881.

"**The new M. E. (Methodist Episcopal) Church**, about half completed, was blown down on Sunday morning, February 7."

New Orleans Picayune, Wed. February 9, 1881

LETTER IN NEW ORLEANS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, February 17, 1881

Pearlington, Mississippi

"Weather continues bad. Last Sabbath was said to be the worst day ever witnessed here. The town was submerged with water. No business done on Monday. On Saturday, about 11 AM our new church was blown down. About $450 had been spent on it. All ready for roofing and weatherboarding, and we hoped soon to finish it so that we could use it; but alas! out 'hopes are deferred,' and out 'hearts are sick.' May our desire yet come as a 'tree of life.' What we may do in the matter of rebuilding the future must determine; all looks gloomy now."

Sunday, July 1, '94

Bishop J. C. KEENER, D. D., L. L. D.

OF NEW ORLEANS,

WILL DEDICATE THE NEW

M. E. Church South

PEARLINGTON, MISS.

Revival services through the week by able ministers. Everybody cordially invited.

J. V. PENN

New Orleans Christian Advocate, July 12, 189

M. E. CHURCH, SOUTH, AT PEARLINGTON, MISS.

The New Church, Pearlington, Miss.

The above cut is a very fine one of our new church in Pearlington, Miss. It is built according to No. 5, A. D. plans of Board of Church Extension. The structure is 34x55. Walls 18 feet to the square, and 24 center. Arched and panelled ceilings, doubled beaded. Gallery over front entrance, 11x33. Tower 80 feet, with gilded ball and turrets, accented by black smalt. The interior has cherry stain on all openings and hard oil finish. The pulpit is uniquely and beautifully finished in white and gold, and is much admired by Bishop Keener and all who have seen it. The seating capacity is 350.

After an impressive and enjoyable sermon from Bishop Keener from II. Peter, i, 18, 19, and a collection by the pastor to cover all indebtedness, this beautiful edifice was formally set apart, on the first day of July, to the worship of God, and the people are happy in the possession of the handsomest structure in the district.

We extend hearty congratulations to the pastor, Rev. J. V. Penn, upon his success in the completion of this beautiful new church. Considering the local conditions and the general financial stringency, it is quite remarkable that he should have accomplished so much during the first six months of his pastorate. But this is quite in keeping with his previous record. He is one of our Nehemiahs.

P. Howard

PASTOR DESCRIBES ARRIVAL AT PEARLINGTON

"Parmenas Howard, the newly appointed preacher in charge of the Pearlington circuit, related his experience in reaching his appointment for 1881: there was train delay for twelve hours, then slow procedure trying to arrive for the delicious dinner, but finally arrived to eat it the next day, Saturday. On Sunday he preached to a fair crowd, but felt the sermon was like the weather, cold. Then fell a snow the like of which was rarely seen at that place."

W. B. Jones, METHODISM IN THE MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE, 1871-1893, , p. 207.

LETTER IN NEW ORLEANS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, MARCH 3, 1881

"Mr. Editor: Among the 'warm welcomes and kind receptions' alluded to in Bro. C. B. G.'s last letter, I wish your readers to recognize one offered by the good people of Pearlington, on the twenty-first of January, the time appointed for my family to arrive. The dinner was prepared and the storeroom supplied with many of the comforts and conveniences of life, when a dispatch informed them that a detention on the Jackson railroad would delay our arrival until seven P. M., when we hoped to enjoy our dinner at supper time. But, alas! for us. It was about five P. M. when we found ourselves at Lake Catherine, switched off, there to remain, we know not how long, for the reconstruction of the railroad so we could pass, and here we stayed twelve long hours, as comfortably as a passenger coach, crowded with strange but most agreeable passengers, could render us. A little before day we found ourselves moving slowly up and passing the wreck, and felt that our troubles were much lighter than they might have been, and that we had much more cause for thanksgiving than for complaint, of which we all were guilty. Soon we were at English Lookout, where after several hours delay, we were met by our little tugboat, which faithfully bore us up the chilly current of Pearl river to our new home at Pearlington, when, with grateful hearts, we devoured our dinner cooked one day before, feeling that though it was cold, it was prepared by warm hearts and kind hands.

"The next day was the holy Sabbath and, though cold and raw as it was, a good congregation of women and children, with a few men, turned out to church, and with Christian patience listened to a discourse that I thought partook very much of the temperature of the weather. Then came the prettiest and largest snow that ever graced these sunny shores - quite a treat to the natives. But our voyage had wholly disqualified us for the occasion, for several days myself and wife were quite sick, which, together with the bad weather, has kept me indoors, so that I have seen but little of my work yet; not enough to attempt a report. Hope soon to be able to give a fuller and more cheerful account of things than I now could."

P. Howard, P. C.

REPORT FROM GAINESVILLE AND LOGTOWN

"There was a good meeting with 8 accessions at Gainesville, on Pearl River in Hancock County, in which the pastor of the Pearlington circuit, Parmenas Howard, was assisted by T. S. West, P. E., and M. C. Calloway of Handsboro. There was a loss of two members at Logtown; Mrs. Roberts and Mrs. Anne E. Gray having died at Pearlington on the same day."

W. B. Jones, METHODISM IN THE MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE, 1871-1893, p. 212

LETTER IN NEW ORLEANS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, AUG. 18, 1881

"Mr. Editor: I am happy after this long delay, to add an item of good news to your cheering columns. Assisted by Dr. West and Bro. Calloway, I held a meeting of eight days at Gainesville, Miss., which resulted in eight accessions and about as many conversions, with a general revival of interest on the subject of religion in the community.

"But, while we thus rejoice with those who rejoice, we are called upon 'weep with those who weep.' Our little church at Logtown is called on to mourn the loss of two of her members, viz: Mrs. Roberts, who died of consumption on the fourth instant, and Mrs. Ann L Gray, who died on the fifth. But we thank the God of all comfort, that we weep not as those who have no hope. It seems strange that thing has occurred the second time with us in so short a time. It was in May that two of our female members died the same day at Pearlington; and though we have had no epidemic and less sickness than usual, yet we have buried ten of our ladies in seven months, eight of the number were members of our church of about one hundred and fifty members. Thus we are admonished to 'be also ready.'"

August 12, 1881, P. Howard, P. C.

1882

LETTER IN NEW ORLEANS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE

Pearlington Circuit, February 23 1882

"Mr. Editor: I arrived at Pearlington on the first day of January, and commenced work in my new field of labor. An acquaintance of about five weeks with this charge has made a favorable impression on my mind, and I feel like giving expression to that effect. The people here are generally employed in the pursuit of an honest living, and there is less idling than I have ever seen in a place the size of Pearlington; therefore sobriety and peaceable deportment are characteristics among the people. The large lumber business of Poitevent and Favre, at Pearlington, Carie and Weston at Logtown, and Poitevent, at Gainesville, furnishes employment and sustenance for hundreds of people. Thus it may be seen how the capital of individuals may be a blessing to whole communities. And when this controlling influence is consecrated to the Lord, there is no telling the good it may do, directly and indirectly. It builds churches, establishes schools, and sustains the enterprises for the intellectual and moral improvement of the world. At Pearlington a new Masonic lodge has just been finished. A new Methodist Church is also in progress, which it is hoped, will soon be ready for use. Notwithstanding the unfavorable weather, the conditions for religious services have been at a good average and the intent is encouraging. As to the 'reception,' I may say there was on time for preconcerted action, and therefore no embarrassment on the part of givers and receivers, but the giving and receiving commenced the day we entered the parsonage, and has continued, at times, to this day, so that we may say we have 'all and abound,' and while we thank the good people for their kindness, we would also say, 'Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift.'"

J. W. Sandall

PASTOR SANDALL RESPONDS TO PUBLICATION OF HARRIS' DIARY

The *New Orleans Christian Advocate* published the "Reminiscences" of Pearlington's 1841 pastor, H. J. Harris, in three installments in 1882. The current pastor in 1882, J. W. Sandall, responded to the diary's publication.

"Mr. Editor: The communications from Rev. H. J. Harris, recently published in the Advocate, have been read with pleasure by the readers of the paper in this section, and the caption of this article is suggested by his Reminiscences. I have been very much interested in these articles with respect to the writer and the things written, and, standing where Bro. Harris stood forty-one years ago, I can describe the present surroundings. Many changes have marked the place and the people during the period between then and now. The same Saviour that delivered the young preacher out of the snare of the devil on the Pearlington circuit has kept him through these years in his labors here and there, and now, from the great State of Texas, he writes: "I am still in this blessed work." Thanks to the Saviour for the promise: "Lo, I am with you always." Other things change, but Jesus is the same to-day, forever. "The region from Gainesville to Pearlington on the river," with the adjoining neighborhood, is now the Pearlington circuit, and composed of four churches. But the place from which it takes its name gives tone and character to the entire charge, excepting Gainesville, in some particulars which need not be mentioned in this paper, as your correspondent has written most particularly about Pearlington.

"This was considered a "hard place" then, when compared with other places, and sometimes the same words are applied to it still. But as then so now they are used comparatively with reference to other places of these times. There was no organized church here then; now there are about seventy members. One who was not a member of the church then acted as steward; now three members are in the steward's office, and are strong supporters of the church. The brick schoolhouse is among the things of the past, and a new church, a block or more from the spot where it stood, is now nearer the center of the town, and affords better accommodation for preacher and people. The "dock" may be of as much consequence as ever of itself, but it is a small affair in comparison with other enterprises of the place. The large sawmill of Poitevent and Favre is now what makes the place of consequence as a seat of industry and pursuit of an honest livelihood. "Drinking saloons and ten-pin alleys" have no longer a place here, and "lewd fellows of the baser sort" are not accustomed to tarry long when they find neither gambling nor drinking attractions. But few of the people who were her forty-one years ago are here now. Some who were then children here, or not far off, are now prominent in the church and in business circles. The same names are here, and the families have their representatives, but the graveyard contains the sleeping dust, and the slab marks the spot and the name of the sleeper.

"'We had perhaps half a dozen persons nominally Methodists in the place,' writes our contributor. It is most natural now, standing in the same place, to read that sentence with emphasis on the word *nominally,* and if the reading conveys the true idea of Pearlington Methodists of that day the difference then and now is greater in number and quality. The Methodist is the only organized church in this place for the white people. The colored people have two churches, Methodist and Baptist. But there is an allusion to "the moral support a young preacher had," and this writer is inclined to emphasize the word *moral* to see clearly the preacher's situation, and draw a correct conclusion as regards that day and this. There is improvement all along the line, and in some things the advantages of this day are so superior to that as to afford cause of grateful thanks. But when we view the period with reference to its moral and spiritual results, and carefully consider the import of the terms 'nominal Methodists' and 'moral support,' it is not so easy to decide that this is an 'easy place' for one whose chief desire is to save souls and 'present every man perfect in Christ Jesus.' The preacher must not only preach to save his 'own soul,' but he must aim to save those who hear him. In this work of soul-saving a strong moral support makes the labor easy and the burden light, and if all the members are not nominally but really Methodists the work will prosper, and the preacher's labors will not be in vain. Such a

charge is never called a 'hard place.' As to 'ministerial support,' in the ordinary acceptation of the terms in his day and ours, the change is worthy of observation. The preacher's salary is generally paid up in a quiet way, and if there is any fault in the manner of the collections now it is perhaps more in the privacy than the publicity of it. Some writer who was here on the first day of this year writing forty years after this might tell a joke or cheat to match the 'shinplaster' display, but lacking the Maj. Arnold part of it. We have here now, in the main, a sober, industrious and thrifty people as permanent residents, and also a considerable number of good people who are not fixed in their purpose to remain here long; they are here because they find profitable employment for the present. There are others who are drifting, and they have but little thought of what or where they will be in the future. The nature of the business of this place is such as must necessarily lead to habits of industry and sobriety, and this accounts, in a great measure, for the absence of strong drink and other concomitants, hence it is driven out by a special enactment of the Legislature through the agency of our representative, the Hon. T. M. Favre, of this place. There is prosperity in temporal things. The lumber business is flourishing. The trade in stores, for provisions and other supplies, is lively. A new church, Masonic Hall and a number of private residences have been built this year. The good people know how to provide for themselves, and some know how to 'use hospitality,' but to what extent they are discharging the debt of love to God and one another each must answer for himself."

DISTRICT CONFERENCES

"The Seashore District Conference was held at Pearlington, June 23-24, with Bishop Linus Parker, presiding. The Bishop had just been elected to that office in May, and was already entering upon his episcopal duties. This was probably his first District Conference. The delegates elected to the Annual Conference were George Wood, Moss Point; Robert Babington, Franklinton; and J. W. Starr and J. P. Carter, Hattiesburg. Alternates: Henry Ware, P. C., and Thomas Swift Ford, Columbia."

W. B. Jones, METHODISM IN THE MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE, 1871-1893, , p. 232.

"A new Methodist Church was in progress of building in Pearlington this year." (p. 234).

1884

SCHEDULE FOR QUARTERLY CONFERENCES

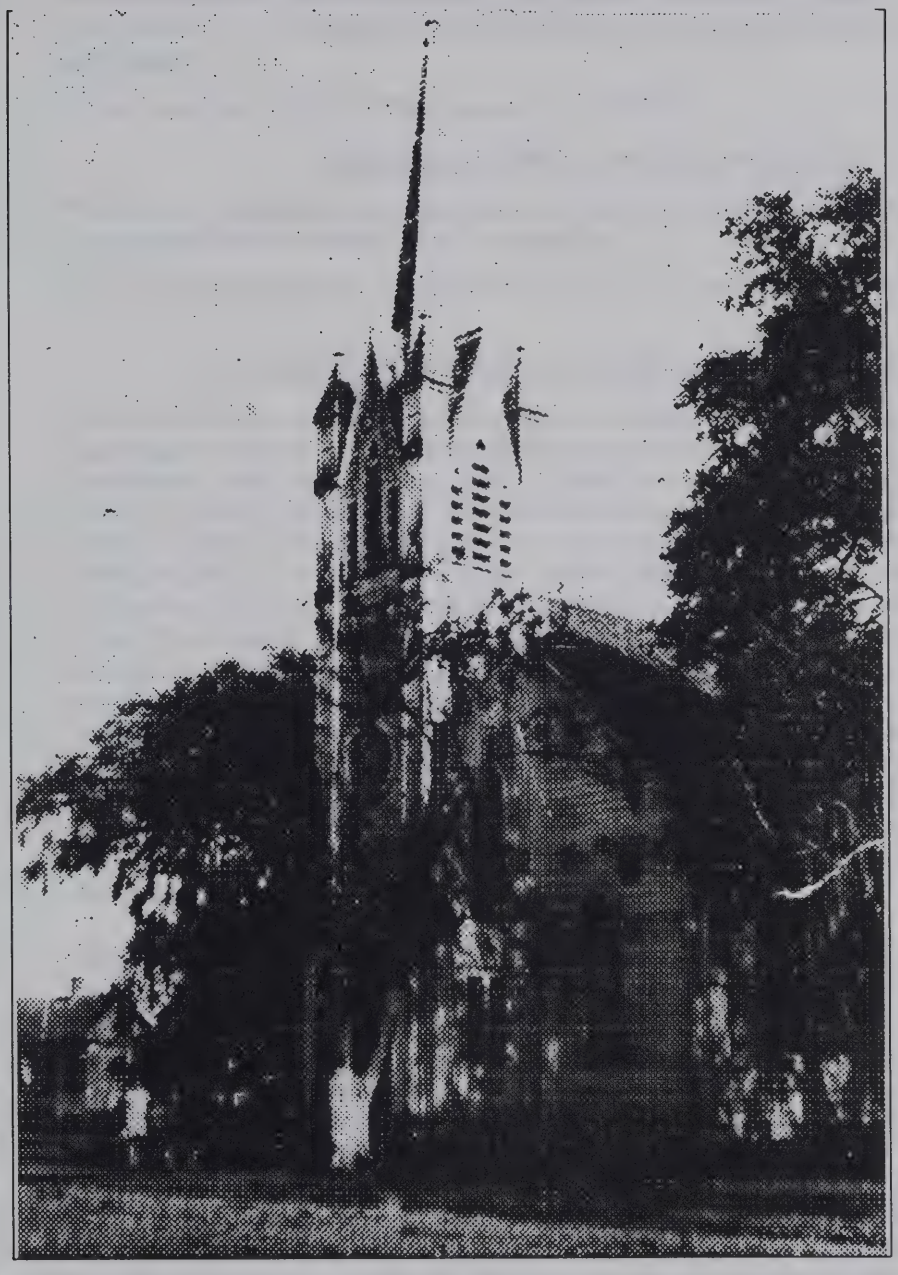
Pearlington, at Bay St. Louis, July 26,27.

1885

FROM THE WORK

March 5, 1885, Pearlington, Mississippi

"Mr. Editor: As some of our brethren have been writing about their receptions I thought I might say a few things about mine. I was not received with a smoking dinner at the parsonage, owing to the fact that we were not expected. But if we did not find a sumptuous spread, we found an abundance of provision in the larder. A good sister invited us to take dinner with her. The people have been very kind to us here, which we fully appreciate. Owing to the bad weather and sickness we have not formed many acquaintances, yet we are well pleased. Our congregations are good. I do trust that the Lord will pour out his Spirit upon us and that we shall have a gracious revival. Pearlington is situated on the bank of Pearl river, containing about six hundred inhabitants. The other appointments, Gainesville and Logtown, are small villages."



Pearlington Methodist Episcopal Church, South,
1894-1930

February 17, 1885. J. D. Hays.

1886

ENGLISH LOOKOUT, LOUISIANA, IN 1886

"English Lookout at the present day bears the appearance of quite a little village, with a comfortable railway station, an express and telegram office, one or two refreshment houses and saloons, several club-houses, an extensive custom-house building, with the cross-barred ensign floating from its flagstaff, and the Pearl River mail steamer lying at its wharf."

The Gulf Coast letters written for the Times-Democrat by R. A. Wilkinson.

1887

PROGRESS AT PEARLINGTON METHODIST CHURCH

"The work at Pearlington was being honored of God and was improving in all departments under the ministry of W. D. Dominick."

W. B. Jones, METHODISM IN THE MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE, 1871-1893, , p. 334.

LETTER IN NEW ORLEANS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, May 13, 1887

"A short ride on the Louisville and Nashville road to English Lookout station, and then a forty-five minutes' trip on a little boat up the placid waters of the Pearl, late in the afternoon of last Saturday, brought us to Pearlington to spend 'Children's Day' with Bro. Dominick and his flock. If the railroads do not annihilate space after awhile, it will not be the fault of enterprising engineers. We are such a pushing people, that the rapidity of to-day's transit becomes intolerably slow tomorrow, and, like the French Emporer, in his flight from the disaster of Moscow, we are continually crying, 'Faster, faster.' A few years ago this trip of two hours would have consumed several days. 'Whereunto this thing will grow' no one can tell; but some now living may see the day when Mark Twain's prediction about New Orleans and St. Louis coming together will be fulfilled. As short as the ride was, it was a pleasant and refreshing close to a weary week of toil. The breeze, created by the little tug panting its way through the clear waters, fanned care from the brow and sent the cooled life-current with slackened pace back into the heart chambers, and thence carried to the whole nature a physical serenity of most positive enjoyment. It was as delicious a ride of three-quarters of an hour as we have had in a long time.

"Pearlington nestles prettily among the live-oaks on the east bank of the Pearl river, about eight miles from its mouth. It is a town of about 1,000 inhabitants, and is sustained by the lumber business, in which a large trade is carried on. We had anticipated a fine day for children's service; but the Sabbath morning was full of rain, of which there was great need, so the service was postponed until evening. The exercises of the evening were pleasant and profitable, the children and grown people enjoying themselves and contributing to the fund for needy Sunday-schools throughout the land. At the night service the house was well filled with attentive hearers, and the gospel was preached in its simplicity. Bro. Dominick's charge has been much revived, we having received some fifty or more new members lately. The Sunday-school is doing good work. The young men's prayer meeting and the weekly prayer meeting are well attended, and the financial outlook is hopeful. We had the pleasure of enjoying the hospitality of J. A. Favre and family, and came back home with pleasant memories of a Sabbath spent in Pearlington."

1888

CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE LETTER, February 16, 1888

"Mr. Editor: Pearlington received its pastor in the spirit of the gospel. Her ladies had improved and so neatly arranged the parsonage that we are confident that they will not be satisfied until they have so improved and so adorned it that the preacher's wife will

be glad that her lot has been cast among such a people. According to their custom, they left enough of the necessities of life to keep the preacher from inquiring the cost of sugar, flour, grits, rice, and coffee for a fortnight.

"I have determined to 'know nothing among them save Jesus crucified.' The fields here are 'white unto harvest.' Pray for me, that I may do faithful work. I am inquiring about the *Advocate*, and hope to increase your subscription list, and thereby increase the usefulness."

Preacher in charge.

OFFERING REPORTED

"Pearlington (Methodist Church) contributed $36.75 during the week of prayer and self denial."

W. B. Jones, METHODISM IN THE MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE, 1871-1893, p. 348.

1889 **DEATH OF MRS. POITEVENT RECORDED**

"Mrs. Mary H. Poitevent, wife of Capt. John Poitevent of Pearlington, died Saturday, April 13. Burial services were held at the residence."

W. B. Jones, METHODISM IN THE MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE, 1871-1893, , p. 367.

1890 **LETTER IN NEW ORLEANS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, June 19, 1890**

Rev. J. G. Sibley writes:"I have just returned from Pearlington and Logtown, Miss., where I spent five days with Bro. Adams and his generous people. The District Conference held there recently was indeed a great blessing --- was really a feast of fat things. This charge is now in a healthy state of pure religion, and is growing in grace and knowledge. Bro. Adams does his work well. He does not only stir the soil to its depths, but also removes noxious weeds. While there I preached three times and sold more than $50 worth of good religious books. I am so glad and so thankful my health has improved I feel like saying at all times, 'Glory to God in the highest!' I leave in a few days for my father's, when I expect to take part a family reunion, and while there shall visit the place of my birth and childhood."

1893 **LETTER IN NEW ORLEANS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, March 2, 1893**

"Rev. D. Scarborough, Pearlington, Mississippi, February 19: The Master's cause is moving on our town. We have a fine Sunday-school, weekly prayer meeting, and preaching three Sundays every month. Our pastor, Bro. R. B. Downer, has gone into the work with that zeal and energy that characterizes the true servant of Christ. He is fast winning the hearts of our people. Truly he is a man of God. His holy life and godly conversation are making a deep impression upon the minds of everyone here. His preaching is very edifying to Christians, and is of a nature that sends conviction to the hearts of sinners. We hope that he will do much good in this community during the year. We earnestly pray that the blessings of God may be with him in all his work. The intent in your prayers in behalf of this charge is solicited."

LETTER IN NEW ORLEANS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, March 16, 1893

Rev. R. B. Downer, Pearlington Charge: "Pearlington and Logtown, Mississippi, two pretty towns on the banks of Pearl river, about ten or twelve miles from salt water, is the location of my charge. The membership is small --- about 160. The destruction of the church by fire last year, and sale of the parsonage to help build a new church structure, has placed extra burdens upon this people perplexing to bear. Then to have

sent, as pastor for 1893, a man with family (when they had been promised a single man) was like 'adding the last feather.' Well, we came; was kindly received; have been amply provided for, besides 'a pounding.' We worship in the unfinished church structure until the treasury is sufficiently replenished to add the top stone. I find I have been mistaken about the financial ability of this charge. Outside of, perhaps, but two members, everybody works for daily bread, with no bank account for a rainy day. I am trying to do solid work; have no use for 'untempered mortar.' Old Satan has a firm grip on things, and I do not expect a victory without many battles. I feel that we have passed zero, and the mercury is ascending. We expect our District Conference to be held here about May and I am cleaning up and preparing for a sin-consuming, Holy Ghost revival. If I ever stood in need of prayer, it is now. Rev. H. E. Partridge, P. E., touched this work Monday and Tuesday last, and left hallowed impressions with all who heard him preach. Jesus is very near; my hand rests in his; my people are following."

ADVOCATE LETTER, June 15, 1893

Rev. R. B. Downer, P. C., Pearlington Circuit, June 1

"Seashore District Conference convened here May 16 to 22. A most delightful occasion. Protracted services began Monday night, May 22, led by Rev. Nolan B. Harmon. The morning services were devoted to developing the Christian graces, and some most precious meetings were held. Bunyan's 'Mr. Fearing' has a large prosperity in these parts. Earnest efforts were made to get the saints to cross to Canaan's side of Jordan, but the fear of future difficulties caused procrastination. Night services were devoted to the calling and helping of the impenitent. Friday Bro. Harmon was compelled to leave. Rev. Frank Keen being here on a visit, he cheerfully aided in song and sermon. Seven were added to the church on profession and one by certificate. On Sunday May 21, ex-pastors Dominick and Adams were called upon to baptize several infants. One child of C. Dudley Orr and wife, is now with the angels. Sat, May 27, I organized a WMS of thirteen members. Bro. Partridge's Sunday sermon and appeal called forth this movement. While we do realize the radical change for good I so much desired, I yet thank God for our late privileges. The stimulating influence of so many good men leaves an abiding impress. Children's Day was duly observed at Pearlington, and $8.10 was the result of the offerings."

DISTRICT CONFERENCE AND REVIVAL

"The Seashore District Conference at Pearlington was followed by a revival. R. B. Downer, pastor, was assisted by N. B. Harmon, who remained till the following Friday, and F. M. Keen, a visitor, assisted in song and sermon; there were eight additions to the church. The sermon by the presiding elder on Sunday called for the organization of a Womens Missionary Society."

W. B. Jones, METHODISM IN THE MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE, 1871-1893, p. 442.

REVIVAL REPORT

"R. B. Downer; assisted by W. H. Carrol, 9 accessions; 15 adults baptized, and 25 infants."

W. B. Jones, METHODISM IN THE MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE, 1871-1893, p. 445

1894

February 22, 1894 "A SUNDAY AT PEARLINGTON"

"We spent last Sabbath at Pearlington, Mississippi, leaving New Orleans by the Louisville and Nashville railroad at 3:45 p.m. We reached Lookout in about an hour and a half. Here boarding the fleet little mail steamer, *City of Pearlington*, we were soon steaming up the Pearl, and in less than forty-five minutes we reached or destination. We were met at the warf by the Bishop of Pearlington, Rev. J. V. Penn, who escorted us to the residence of Bro. Joseph Favre, to whom and to his excellent wife we are indebted for many courtesies during our stay. We preached Sunday morning to a good congregation. At night we had the pleasure of hearing an excellent sermon by Bro. Penn. Bro. Penn has taken a good start. He expects soon to complete the church, which is still in an unfinished condition, owing to the financial stringency of last year. The church was built two years ago under the pastorate of Rev. T. W. Adams, and was so far completed as to be occupied. It is yet unceiled. When completed it will be quite a tasteful structure. It is of ample dimensions for the community. The church made liberal provision for the pastor."

November 29, 1894

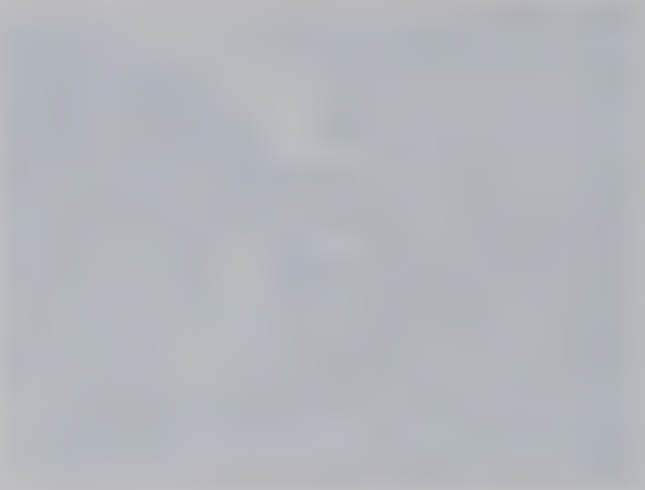
"PEARLINGTON'S PENTECOST"

"On October 28 Mrs. Mary McGee Snell closed one of the grandest meetings ever held in this town. Backsliders were reclaimed, sinners were converted, and saints rejoiced in full salvation. Some of the hardest cases were reached and the whole community awakened to a better life. I have never heard a richer, fuller, sweeter presentation of the gospel of Christ from anyone. The temperance feature of her work was superb; nearly four hundred men, women, and children, white and colored, took the white ribbon, and are standing faithfully by the precious pledge. The whiskey business has received a blow here from which, I trust, it will never recover. A vigorous Y.M.C.A. and W.C.T.U. have been organized as a result of the revival. Forty-three joined the church. Many happy souls said feverently, "God bless Sister Snell." Rev. F. M. Keen accompanied her, and led the singing, and did it well. The free-will offering to these two servants of Christ was generous, and so joyfully made. I never saw a purse more gladly given. So kindly did the people feel, that on the following Sabbath they made a snug little free-will offering to the pastor, and paid the sexton a year's salary at once. Some time ago one member presented the pastor with a handsome suit for Conference, and during the year the "hired house" has had many substantial tokens of good-will and appreciation from many kind-hearted people here.

"Logtown's loyal little congregation has enjoyed a good degree of prosperity. They went to work and remodeled the church, building a handsome tower and vestibule, putting on blinds and repainting the entire structure. The tower is capped with a gilded finial and presents a beautiful appearance. They helped the pastor in the special meetings, and were greatly revived, having about thirteen additions, making a total of sixty-seven in the charge this year. We expect to report in full all collections at Conference. The Lord has greatly blest us. Blessed be his name."

Logtown Methodist Church

Clermont Harbor United Methodist Church



J. V. Penn

CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE EDITOR AT PEARLINGTON

"W. C. Black, editor, lectured at Pearlington for the benefit of the church, and was greeted by a large audience. The church was unfinished, but it was very commodious and substantial when completed; it stood for years, but was burned (see 1930) and replaced by another, not so large."

W. B. Jones, METHODISM IN THE MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE, 1871-1893, p. 464.

"A fine picture of the beautiful new church at Pearlington appeared in the *Advocate* of July 12, the seating capacity was 350. After a great sermon by Bishop John C. Keener from II Peter 1: 18-19 the church was dedicated by him on July 1. J. V. Penn, under whose pastorate the church was erected, had been pastor but six months when this great work was accomplished. The writer had the privilege and pleasure of conducting a revival there in 1905, during the pastorate of L. A. Darsey. This church was later consumed by fire (see 1930) and replaced by a substantial but smaller building."

W. B. Jones, METHODISM IN THE MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE, 1871-1893, p. 465.

1895

SEASHORE PASTORAL APPOINTMENTS

Americus, Augusta, Bay St. Louis, Biloxi, Black Creek, Columbia, Escatawpa, Hattiesburg, Moss Point, Nicholson Mission, Ocean Springs and Scranton, Pearlington and Logtown, Purvis, Vancleave, Whittington.

1896

June 11, 1896, "AT PEARLINGTON"

"We spent last Sabbath at Pearlington, Mississippi. We committed an attempt at preaching in the morning; at night there was no service on account of rain. We found the pastor, Bro. W. G. Forsythe, and his interesting family in good health and good spirits. Bro. Forsythe is in high favor with his people, as is also his better half. His preaching is spoken of as excellent. He has procured since his pastorate began a very neat, comfortable parsonage, eligibly located, and with ample grounds for yard, garden, and truck-patch. It is also quite well furnished. This was our first sight of the new church since its completion. It is a very tasteful structure, a real ornament to the town.

"We were delightfully domiciled in the hospitable home of Bro. Sandy Orr and his amiable wife. We also enjoyed the hospitalities of the inmates of the parsonage."

Dec. 3, 1896, ADVOCATE LETTER

Rev. H. D. Howell, Pearlington, Miss., Nov. 23.

"I have just completed my fourth year's pastorate at Hattiesburg, during which time I received one hundred and eighty into the church, making an average of forty-five each year. Before I left the stewards made a full settlement with me and the presiding elder. I have in hand all the collections ordered by the administrative council. Besides, I was presented with an excellent suit of clothes; and the good women of our church made my wife a valuable and beautiful present. Hattiesburg will be a good place for some preacher next year. The Mississippi Conference will be asked to hold its next session there."

NEW ORLEANS PAPER DESCRIBES PEARLINGTON

"Situated on Pearl River, some eighteen miles by water from Lookout Station on the Louisville & Nashville Railroad, is the town of Pearlington which has a population of about 800, four stores, and two saw mills.

"One mill has a capacity of 150,000 feet, and the other 75,000 feet per day. It is in one of the finest timber belts in the South and the lumber furnished by its mills finds a ready export as well as domestic market.

"It has daily connection with the Louisville & Nashville by steamer."

New Orleans Daily Picayune, Monday, July 6, 1896, p. 18, by H. S. Evans

1897

PEARLINGTON NEWSPAPER PUBLISHED

The Pearlington Herald, published by the *Sea Coast Echo*, began publication in 1897. The *Herald* had a circulation of about 300 to 400, with Sam J. Gray as editor. The newspaper continued publication for several years.

1898

YELLOW FEVER EPIDEMIC MENTIONED

"About the worst (yellow fever) epidemic of all was in 1898."

Thigpen, PEARL RIVER, p. 75.

1899

BLACK POSTMASTER APPOINTED AT PEARLINGTON

On January 3, 1899, Etienne William Maxson was appointed postmaster at Pearlington, Mississippi. He served in this position until May 31, 1916, and then pursued a distinguished career with the U. S. Department of Agriculture in Washington D. C.

Maxson wrote a book, *Progress of the Races,* which gives a brief history of Pearlington, Logtown, Gainesville, and Napoleon.

Chapter Six: Early Twentieth Century Pearlington (1900-1929)

1900

MAP OF TOWN SHOWS LOCATION OF METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

A map of the town of Pearlington, was surveyed by W. R. Seal, Surveyor, and drawn by W. A. Brown on October 1, 1900. It shows, as did the map of 1851, the Methodist Episcopal Church in its present location, lot 3, near the intersection of Levee Avenue and Franklin Street. The map also shows the Methodist Episcopal parsonage just north of the church on lots 4 and 5. The map also shows the Holmes Chapel M. E. Church at the corner of White and Favre, its present location.

Courtesy Howard-Tilton Memorial Library, Tulane University.

FUNERALS AT THE TURN OF THE CENTURY IN PEARLINGTON

"The tolling of the church bell in Pearlington 70 years ago meant that someone in that community had died. There was no newspaper, no phones, no radio, no TV to spread the news. The tolling of the church bell with single strokes, slowly and regularly repeated, was the method used to announce a death in the community. In a quite area, like Pearlington was back then, the tolling bell could be heard for long distances, even for miles when the weather was clear and bright.

"Maybe someone had been seriously ill and death was expected so that most people would be pretty sure of for whom it was the bell tolled. At other times there would be speculation about who had passed away.

"While the bell had pealed forth the news of death, to broadcast the name of the departed and the funeral arrangements over the town of 1000 to 1500 people, a boy would be put on a horse with a black bordered envelope, in which there was a funeral notice, giving the name and funeral information. As the boy with the death message rode from house to house he would be met at the door, or outside, by alerted and expectant neighbors who would take the message, read it and then hand it back to the waiting messenger to be carried on to the next house.

"Mr. Sam Russ of Picayune who was born and reared in Pearlington gave me a good description of deaths and funerals in Pearlington when he was growing up. Back then, there was no undertaker, such as we find practically everywhere now. When a man died, neighbors came in, took charge of the body, and prepared it for burial. There was never any lack of help for a neighbor in his time of trouble in Pearlington. Sam said, 'The best people on earth must have lived there.'

"In every community, there was always one or maybe two of three men who would take the lead in helping neighbors when they needed help.

"Asa Hursey of Pearlington was the kind of man who always tried to help those in distress in that community. Sam said of this good man, 'He was one of the finest men I ever knew.' He took the lead in helping when a death occurred and according to Mr. Russ, he did a good job of undertaking with what he had to use. After taking care of the preparation of the body he would go to the saw mill shop and make the coffin, doing all this at no charge, because he wanted to be of help to his fellow man. Mr. Hursey was the master mechanic at the sawmill, with always plenty to do to keep the big mill running efficiently. He had the reputation of being the best sawmill builder in this general area. Though this important job always kept him busy, he always found time, or made time, to help his neighbors in distress. When a woman died, good women prepared the body for burial, but the men attended to all the other details.

"The cost of dying in Pearlington was very little. Sympathetic and willing neighbors came in to help, not only in preparing the body and making the coffin, but in digging the grave and doing the work of the family until the funeral was over. No one ever charged for any of their services. Sam Russ said that when his grandfather died, his six living sons made the coffin of cedar and served as pallbearers.

"There was no florist shop in Pearlington but there were always many flowers at a funeral. Neighbors went out into the yards and made bouquets to carry to the house of the deceased and to the cemetery. Everybody knew everybody and there would always be a good crowd at a funeral, especially on Sundays when the men were off from work.

"To relieve the bereaved family of their usual work in the time of their mourning, neighbor women would bring in a profusion of good food to feed the family and visitors, and they would attend to the household chores of the family. Neighbors would sit up all night with the corpse and give the family a chance to rest.

"When a grave was dug the volunteer workmen always tried to make a workmanship-like job of it. They tried to make the corners square and the sides even and smooth. Almost all cemeteries were located on land where there was good solid clay underneath the top soil. After getting down about four feet, the grave would be narrowed down about six inches all the way round. Then a smaller hole would be dug a little deeper than the depth of the coffin, leaving a ledge about six inches wide all the way round. The coffin would be set on 2x4's in the bottom of this smaller rectangular hole.

"All funerals were held at graveside in Pearlington. When time for the funeral approached a neighbor would drive his wagon to the home of the departed person. The coffin would be carefully placed in the wagon for the trip to the cemetery. A good crowd of people, all walking, unless there was considerable distance to go, followed the wagon in a slow funeral procession to the grave side.

"Arriving at the graveside, an appropriate song would be sung, all present joining in. The preacher would make a talk fit for the occasion. These services were always most solemn and usually brief. After the benediction, neighbors lowered the casket into the place prepared for it at the bottom of the grave, using ropes with men at each side, to gently lower the remains of their friend into its last resting place. Then cypress or cedar planks would be placed over the casket with their ends resting on the ledge. The planks were laid side by side over the casket and other planks were lapped over the joints between them. This attended to, always with great care, dirt would be shoveled into the grave and tightly packed as it was thrown in. A grave completed in this way would seldom sink in as is so often found in graves not so carefully filled in with dirt."

Thigpen, PEARL RIVER, pp.77-80.

OLD TIME CHURCH AT THE TURN OF THE CENTURY

"When a preacher came to Pearlington there would always be a good congregation to hear him. With no radio, no television, no talking machines, stereo or music of any kind except that provided by the people themselves, no magazines or papers in most homes, people were starved for somewhere to go and something to do.

"Once a minister, a big heavy man, came to Pearlington to preach. A good crowd turned out. As the preacher came into the church he brought with him a 10 quart bucket in one hand and his Bible in the other. He placed the Bible on the pulpit and placed the bucket a few feet away slightly to his right. As the congregation sang the

St. Joseph Catholic Church, Pearlington

Logtown Baptist Church

Logtown Methodist Church

opening hymn he pulled out a plug of tobacco and bit off a big chew. He pulled off his coat and as the song ended he unbuttoned his collar. Having made all these preparations he read a few pages from the Bible, announced his text and went at his preaching. He had a strong voice and a good flow of language - he was a good talker. He had the rare ability of holding the undivided attention of his hearers. If he detected lagging interest he told an appropriate story. After a particularly strong statement in his talk he would stop momentarily, look everyone in the eye and at the same time direct a mouthful of tobacco juice at the bucket. He never missed his target and the audience could hear the "kerplunk" of the liquid against the side of the bucket, Sam (Russ) and the other boys sat there deeply interested and fascinated by the performance of the preacher - not in what he was saying but in seeing if he hit his target next time. Whether by what he said or his spitting ability, the preacher held the attention of the congregation.

"Sam did not know about the older people but he said that the preacher made a big impression on the boys in Pearlington. After the preacher was gone the boys, most of whom chewed tobacco, a common habit among boys back then, would try to emulate the preacher. They would each take a chew and then aim for the target. They got pretty good at hitting the target but could not last long without drinking some water. Sam said, "How in the world that preacher could keep spitting so long and never take a drink of anything to replenish his loss of liquid I could never understand."

S. G. Thigpen,, NEXT DOOR TO HEAVEN, pp. 39-40

July 4, 1901 — **FAVRE LUMBER COMPANY OPENS AT PEARLINGTON**

"The new saw mill plant of the Favre Lumber Company began operations yesterday morning (July 3, 1901).

"This plant will give employment to about 100 men and is one of the many evidences of the prosperity of this particular section."

New Orleans Daily Picayune, Friday, July 5, 1901

1902 — **HANCOCK BANK COMES TO PEARLINGTON**

"With increased saw mill activity at Pearlington, Logtown and Favreport, the bank moved out to open its first branch at Pearlington on January 8, 1902, in the office building of Dr. J. O. Fountain.

"Local transportation to the new branch from Bay St. Louis was virtually non-existent, so each day Mr. Cazaneuve, bank vice president, boarded the L&N train and traveled to English Lookout, where he transferred to Capt. Rod Russ' boat, *Margaret*, to journey to Logtown. There he took a horse-drawn taxi to Pearlington. At the end of each day, he would return to the Bay via the same route.

"The Pearlington operation was ultimately curtailed to two days a week and later to one day before finally closing in 1918. At the time the branch was in existence, it was located on a plot of ground approximately where the present (1974) Pearlington Post Office is located."

From 75 Years of Mississippi Coast & Hancock Bank, 1974.

1902-03 — **LAST OF THE INDIANS**

"In her memories of Pearlington, Mrs. (Bertha Knighton) Williams wrote, "By 1902 or 1903 all the Indians living in the immediate Pearlington area had gone to the reservation in the Indian territory except one, Indian Joe. He had also gone to the reservation with the other Indians but was gone only a short time when he wrote to

white friends back home to send him money so he could return home. As he was well-liked, a collection was taken up and the money sent to him. He came back and lived the rest of his life at Possum Walk above Logtown, not far from the little Choctaw Indian settlement on Devil Swamp.

"As late as 1902 a few Indians lived on the Doby and Russ claims east of Pearlington. They lived near Maudban's Landing on Bayou Cowan. These Indians made baskets and traveled around the countryside to sell them or trade them to white people. We were always glad to see them come as the baskets were both attractive and most useful."

S. G. Thigpen, Picayune Item, February 20, 1969.

1904 **CHURCH MINUTES**

The Church Conference for Pearlington Methodist convened at Pearlington, January 3, 1904. Rev. L. Carley, pastor in charge, presided. W. A. Brown was secretary. The church reported no requests for benevolence.

The July 6th Conference reported the addition of Mrs. McGowan to the membership. The record says "The Sunday School at this place devotes the first Sunday in each month to Missions. They have raised $6.50 for the cause. Pastor is taking collections also." A painting committee was formed of W. A. Brown, Dr. G. C. McGowan, C. H. Brown, Dr. J. Fountain and C. D. Orr.

We have a good School at this place. The membership is as follows: Officers 6, Teachers 6, Scholars 96, Total Membership 107. There is an average attendance of 70 and an average collection of $2.00. There is a marked improvement in attendance of the Adults membership. Collections to date $46.00. Expended for literature. pic nic, etc. $30.00."

1905 **YELLOW FEVER!**

"There was terror and panic in Pearlington one bright summer day in 1905. People became so frightened that they left their homes and all they possessed on an hour's notice. If there was word of an atomic attack with bombs to fall on Picayune today, there would not be more fright and terror than in Pearlington late in the evening on that summer day when the public health doctor came to Pearlington to see a sick man, and pronounced his disease as yellow fever."

S. G. Thigpen, PEARL RIVER, pp. 73-75.

"A yellow fever epidemic put the entire State under quarantine. No church services were allowed in many places. Mississippi City and Gulfport were under strict quarantine. There were more than 100 cases in Natchez in October. Cases were reported in Vicksburg, Handsboro, Pearlington, Harriston, Hamburg, Roxie, Rosetta, and Port Gibson, as well as other places."

J. A. Lindsey, METHODISM IN THE MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE, 1894-1919, p. 133.

L. A. Darsey became pastor in charge. Samuek T. Russ was secretary. R. L. Scott's name was stricken from the roll. Many members moved from the area bringing the attendance down. Pastor was paid $147.00 this quarter. Amelia Weston transferred her membership to Logtown. Membership certificates: Jas. W. Darsey, Christian K. Russ, Mrs. Sallie F. Russ, and Kate Dillard have been received. Baptisms this quarter: Jas. Baldwin Fountain, Laura Minerva Leonard, Bessie Hursey, Leonard Hursey, Mary Alice Hill.

1906 **CHURCH RECORDS, 1906**

Wallace Miller was secretary. We record baptisms of Anita Estelle Russ, Eads Poitevent Russ, Augustine Sam Tartouville, Creedup Dorr. David Luther Russ moved his membership to Logtown. Mrs. Nancy Dorr withdrew her membership to join the Morman Church.

1910 **CHURCH RECORDS, 1910**

February. H. J. Moore became pastor with W. B. Jones, presiding elder. J. S. Otis was secretary. Board members were G. E. McGowan, A. S. Weston, Roy Baxter, A. C. Weston. Present membership is 185 compared to 200 members in January, 1909. There are two churches valued at $5,000 and two parsonages valued at $800. Sunday School recorded fifteen teachers and officers, and 87 scholars.

April. D. R. Weston and J. Fountain are also on the Board. Roy Baxter became the secretary. The Sunday School showed an enrollment of 87 with average attendance of 56. New members included Mrs. Luther Russ and Mrs. Roy Baxter. One Baptism, Charles Herbert Koch, son of Christian and Nellie Koch. Six members were lost this quarter: Mrs. Brown fell asleep, and Mr. & Mrs. Johnson, Mr. & Mrs. Boyet, and Mrs. Ruth Favre by certificate of transfer.

October. D. S. Osborn, D. S. Russ, S. K. Russ were Board members. New member by profession of faith is Maggie Dorr. Baptised this quarter were: Jenny Irma Koch, J. Oswell Carver, and Florine Dorr.

The motion was made and accepted for the churches to now become the Logtown Charge.

1911 **CHURCH RECORDS, 1911**

Hervie Millard became pastor in charge. Recorded membership was 177. The pastor's per annum salary was $750. Apportionments were $282. Westonia is mentioned as being a church of this charge. Epworth Leagues reported 30 members at Logtown and 22 members at Pearlington. A Sunday School at Pearlington was organized with 50 scholars and six officers. New members at Pearlington were Rachel Smith, Marion McCarty, Lovell Dorr, Estelle Russ, Gordon Bennett, Megill Tartouville. Two infant baptisms: Mildred Perron (Feb. 29) and John Franklin Bennett (Feb. 29). Two adults were also baptised: Eva Beyer (Feb. 8) and Gordon Bennett (Feb. 16). On Feb. 15, Pedro Tartouville fell asleep at his home in Logtown.

June, 1911. There were 18 baptisms and 73 new members this quarter. This quarter, Frank Guitterez was named as delegate to the district conference held at Long Beach.

Sept. 1911. A Boy Scout Troop has been formed by the pastor at Logtown Church. A young men's prayer group was also formed. Ten baptisms and 13 new members were reported this quarter.

1912 **LOGTOWN LAYMEN**

"Three prominent laymen in the Logtown Church were Asa Weston, Sidney Otis, and Douglas Osburn."

J. A. Lindsey, METHODISM IN THE MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE, 1894-1919, , p. 226.

CHURCH RECORDS, LOGTOWN CHARGE, 1912

One hundred thirteen members were added, including 20 adult baptisms and thirty-one children last year, This brought membership to 283. Epworth Leagues total membership was 107. Two Sunday Schools' total membership: 168 teachers and students. Pastor's salary increased to $900. John Beyer was delegate to the conference at Lumberton. There were 109 names listed as attending Sunday School, including all ages. Mr. J. S. Otis was Superintendent, Roy Baxter, Secretary, and Robert Stocker, Treasurer.

November. Gainesville and Lakeshore churches are mentioned as being on this charge. W. B. Jones has served faithfully as presiding elder for four years, the limit on this position, and his resignation has been received.

1913

Twenty-nine new members were reported this first quarter, bringing the current total number to 304. Four adults were baptised along with 21 children. W. H. Huntley has been chosen to replace W. B. Jones as presiding elder. Jno. Beyer was the delegate to the conference at Bay St. Louis. In September, a building committee was formed for the Lakeshore Church.

1914

FIRE AT LOGTOWN DESTROYS WESTON MILL NO. 1

"Sparks from a slab pit Monday night between 8:30 and 9 o'clock started a fire at the Weston mills, Logtown, and destroyed mill No. 1, with much damage to the surrounding plant. A high north wind was blowing at the time and it did not take long to reduce the plant to ashes and a pile of distorted machinery. Heroic measures were embraced, everybody worked with a grim determination as it were and saved the new mill and great stacks of lumber which at one time were in imminent peril.

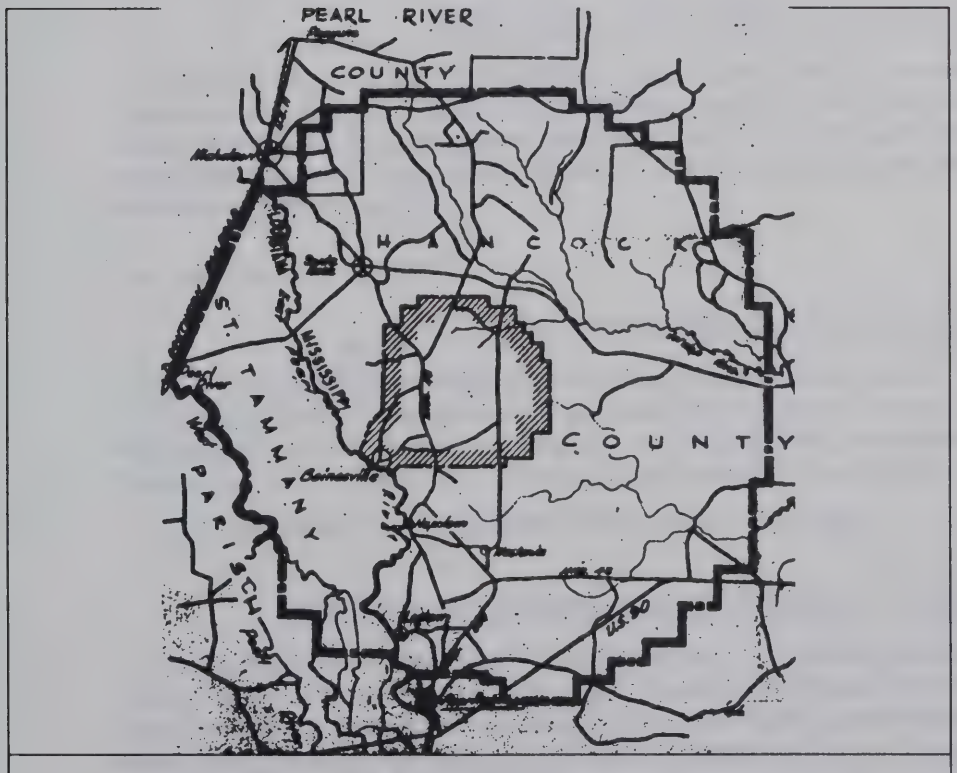
"The fire was discovered soon after it started; but the high winds soon swept the flames beyond control and the army of fire fighters, said to be 600 strong, were put on the defensive. Mill No. 1, better known as the "old mill," was then abandoned and all efforts devoted to saving the warehouse, the new quarter of a million dollar plant on the south side of the bayou. Time and again the wind swept the flames across the bayou, driving the fire fighters into retreat: but each time they worked their way back and extinguished the flames on their side.

"While the men were busy along the bayou front flames swept across the mouth of the bayou and set fire to the docks projecting out into Pearl River. Before the crews of the steamer *Pelican* and tug *Palto Pinto* could leave the fighting line and get back to their boats the latter took fire. Both burned to the water line and sank.

"The *Pelican* was well-known to all travelers over the L. & N. road, a familiar sight at Dunbar, La., where connections were made for Pearlington and Logtown. The *Pelican* was not a new boat. She was a 60-foot combined passenger and freight boat, and was valued at $30,000. The tug *Palto Pinto* was valued at $10,000.

"The loss of the mill is estimated from $50,000 to $75,000, partially insured in the Mutual Company. Both mills had been running three days a week. J. S. Otis, general manager, said Tuesday that the men thrown out of employment by the fire would be employed in the rebuilding operation that would start immediately. None of the dock lumber was burned and all orders will be fulfilled. The company had one steamer and

Pearlington Methodist
Congregation, about 1930.



Map of NASA

two sailing vessels loading 5,000,000 feet of export lumber in Gulfport for South America trade.

"H. S. Weston, president of the H. Weston Lumber Company, was away at the time of the fire. He had left New Orleans that night for a business trip up the I. C. road and was informed of the fire by telegrams that had been sent ahead of the train that night."

Sea Coast Echo, Saturday, October 31, 1914

CHURCH RECORDS, 1914

Conference apportionments for 1914 were $513, which included pastor's salary and insurance. The charge included four congregations: Logtown, Pearlington, Gainesville, and Westonia. Logtown had a Woman's League.

The churches of Logtown and Pearlington , including parsonage, were valued at $4,750. Logtown was insured for $1,400, and Pearlington for $1,000. Insurance premium for the year was $9.00.

1923

LOGTOWN CHURCH EXPANDS

"Logtown and Picayune Churches enlarged their buildings to include Sunday School rooms."

J. A. Lindsey, METHODISM IN THE MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE, 1920-1939, p. 33.

1924

CHAUTAUQUA COMES TO LOGTOWN

On May 3, 1924, the *Sea Coast Echo* reported that an annual three day Chautauqua would begin at Logtown.

METHODISTS REMOVE BAN ON AMUSEMENTS

"Springfield, Mass. - May 27. The Methodist ban upon amusements, except those 'which cannot be used in the name of the Lord Jesus,' was lifted today by a five to one vote of the Methodist Episcopal general conference here. A minority report forbidding theater attendance on Sundays, specifying dancing and immoral theater performances, was tabled by 460 votes to 295."

Sea Coast Echo, May 31, 1924.

1925

LOGTOWN SUNDAY SCHOOL RECOGNIZED

"The General Sunday School Board had a system of ranking Sunday Schools. Of the 371 Sunday Schools in the entire denomination that received ratings, four were in the Mississippi Conference. They were: Progressive C Type, Logtown; Advanced C Type, Brandon and Wesley Chapel on the Satartia Charge; Standard C Type, Prentiss."

J. A. Lindsey, METHODISM IN THE MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE, 1920-1939, p. 56-57.

PASTOR SCHULTZ EXPLAINS APPOINTMENT TO LOGTOWN

"At the last session of the Mississippi Annual Conference I was appointed to serve the Bolton charge for the ensuing Conference year. Conditions developed, however, which, as I thought, made it impracticable for me to go to Bolton, even though my newly made presiding elder, Brother J. L. Decell, suggested that I go on. When he found that I was unwilling to to go under the existing circumstances, he proceeded promptly in effecting an exchange between Brother J. S. Weems and me, my presiding

elder, Brother L. L. Roberts, consenting thereto. Hence Brother Weems is at Bolton, and here I am at Logtown. I am sure Brother Weems will do a great work at Bolton. We all know he is a strong preacher and a deserving fellow, and a warm personal friend of value.

"Within one hour's time, Brother Decell had secured the changes and gotten the voice of the Bishop in confirmation, showing that he is thoroughly competent to fill the important position he now occupies in our church.

"Our reception at Logtown was most cordial. The good people have left nothing undone to make it comfortable for us in every particular. Not only did they receive us heartily, with a table well laden with an inviting, steaming hot dinner and a well filled pantry of good things, but since the day we came, good things, valuable things, have been coming all along. Among other things was a handsome Christmas check for Mrs. Schultz, as well as another for the preacher; a big, fine gobbler for Christmas; three wonderful baskets of fruit and a present for every member of the family. Evidently Logtown is the home of "Old Santa." There are a number of other things the preacher receives gratis, which is something "new under the sun" to me, e. g., wood delivered in woodshed, lights and water, ice delivered every needful day, telephone, a parsonage cow, and a Ford car, all of which makes it very attractive indeed.

"As I move out, "spying out the land," I find the trail of a lot of good men. The tracks of Brother J. E. Gray are still seen here and there- he has a warmplace in the hearts of the people here. There still remains the material evidence of Brother H. L. Norton. It was during his pastorate here that a nice, large, roomy parsonage was built at Logtown, which just suits this man's family of healthy children. The people often speak of Brother Norton and his labors of love. And, too, our sainted Brother L. E. Alford, "bless his memory," the people here still mourn his loss. In his own way, he began an unfinished task, but his labors do follow him. Brother T. H. King, our immediate predecessor, as everyone knows, a strong gospel preacher, has many friends here and the people speak very kindly of his work among them.

"So you can see that I have a list of strong, good men to follow, and I am asking all who read this to pray that I measure up to the need, and prove myself a workman who needeth not be ashamed.

We have had some real spiritual, heartfelt services in the few weeks we have been here, and have started the work of the Conference year looking for great things for our dear Lord's kingdom."

C. A. Schultz, P. C., Logtown, Miss

New Orleans Christian Advocate, January 8, 1925

Chapter Seven: Depression and Wartime Pearlington (1930-1945)

1930 **FIRE DESTROYS PEARLINGTON METHODIST CHURCH BUILDING**

Just as America began to realize the seriousness of the depression begun in 1929, the Methodists of Pearlington received a devastating blow when their beautiful church building burned on the third Sunday in January. Once built, the ornate Methodist church was a focal point of the community for almost forty years. It even housed a library for the town.

A newspaper article recorded the loss. "Fire, unmindful of sentiment, value and usefulness of property, on Sunday morning of last week, destroyed this beautiful and stateful-appearing church building, Methodist, South, at Pearlington, Hancock County. Fire was discovered after Sunday School class had been dismissed during the forenoon hour of the day and was traced to a defective flue. The building, which stood for over fifty years, and was a veritable landmark of Pearlington on the Pearl (River), was constructed of the very finest of pine timber, the interior sealed with the best selection of pine heart. This lumber was had from the mills located at that place at that time, where the surplus was abundant and selection simply a matter of choice.

"The Pearlington Methodist Church had practically served two generations and its destruction is more than ordinarily deplored."

Due to the severity of the depression, Pearlington Methodists were not able to rebuilt a structure as elaborate as they once enjoyed. The present structure, however, holds its own charm as well as thousands of memories for those who have worshiped here over the last sixty years.

1935 **CHURCH RECORDS, 1935**

Apportionments for the year were $855, including pastor's salary. Pastor in charge was J. D. Slay, with a total of 153 members and 68 Sunday School members. Logtown reported a Women's Missionary League. Classes for church membership and for young people were conducted on Saturdays. During the second quarter, six people were received by vows, including J. E. Giveans.

The charge included the churches at Logtown, Pearlington, and Gainesville.

1936 **CONFERENCE ROLL, 1936**

Warren Black was preacher in charge, with 154 members. Records show Harry Baxter, Sr., died December 11, 1936. Apportionments were $1,162.

1937 **CHURCH RECORDS, 1937**

The Logtown Charge consisted of churches at Logtown, Pearlington and Gainesville. Apportionments were $841. The Epworth League was active at Logtown, and a League was started at Pearlington during the second quarter. Pastor in charge was Fred S. Flurry.

1938 **CONFERENCE ROLL, 1938**

Preacher in charge was E. E. Prior. Apportionments were $1,102.

The following people came on profession of faith and vows during the year 1938: Verna Dean, Carrie Bennett, Joseph Bennett, Bessie Garcia, William Bennett, Otis Mitchell, Earnestine McArthur, Estell McArthur, James McArthur, Bettie Dorlene

Browsey, Robert Dean, Roland Bennett, Elliot Giveans, Frank Garcia, Mr. & Mrs. Gus Garcia, Imanuel Pullman, Dr. & Mrs. Fryatt, and Mary Garcia.

Removed from the roll were: Wiley White, Gordon Bennett, ??? Beyer, Eleanor Dean Mitchell, Russ Mitchell, Mead Hursey.

The Charge consisted of Logtown, Pearlington, and Gainesville.

1939 **CONFERENCE ROLL, 1939**

Apportionments were $1,143. Sunday School enrollment for the Charge was 63, including 27 at Pearlington. Annie Ruth Bennett was baptized during the second quarter. The daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Grover Bennett was baptized during the 3rd quarter.

1940 **CHURCH RECORDS, 1940**

Trustees of the Logtown Charge granted authority to act in the case of Gainesville Church property, and to dispose of same in their wisdom. Preacher in Charge was C. L. Felder.

1944 **CLERMONT HARBOR UNITED METHODIST ORGANIZED**

On December 17th, 1933, Mrs. Elizabeth Jenkins and Mrs. Eugene Mogabgab organized a Bible school in Clermont Harbor. It was held in the school house and later in the Clermont Harbor Hotel. Rev. J. E. Gray, pastor at Bay St. Louis, came down occasionally to assist and hold services.

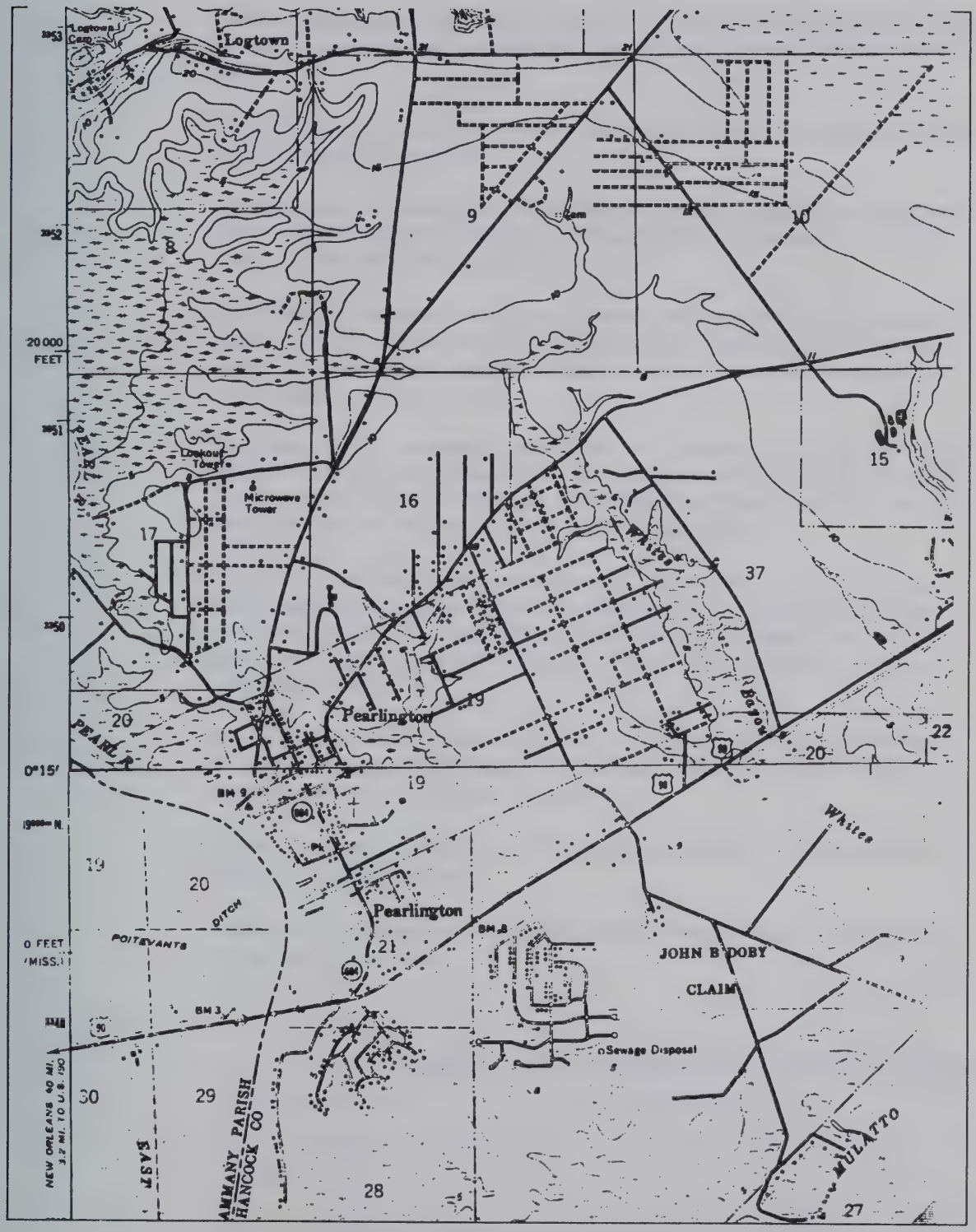
Rev. A. J. Boyles of Bay St. Louis, a later pastor, held services regularly for some time. In April, 1935, the Bible School disbanded.

A survey was made in this vicinity early in 1944, and there were found to be 35 Protestant families available. In May of that year, the first preaching service in the home of Mrs. Eva Ladner was held with Rev. E. E. Samples of the Bay St. Louis church officiating.

In the month of June 1944, Dr. T. Restin Heath, a retired minister of the Kansas Conference, living at Kiln, Mississippi, was appointed by Dr. J. L. Neill, District Superintendent of the Seashore District, as Rev. Samples' associate pastor for Clermont Harbor and Lakeshore churches. On June 25th, 1944, Dr. Heath held his first service in Clermont Harbor, in the home of Mrs. Eva Ladner.

On September 3rd, 1944, the first Board of Trustees was elected. Mr. N. T. Carr for one year, Mr. H. F. Ferrill for two years, and Mr. F. O. McCoy for three years.

On October 15th, 1944, Dr. Neill called the two congregations, Clermont Harbor and Lakeshore, together in Mr. H. F. Ferrill's home in Clermont Harbor, and established the Clermont Harbor-Lakeshore Charge and organized the Clermont Harbor Church, and at the next Annual Conference Dr. Heath was appointed pastor in charge. Dr. Heath held services in the homes of the community. He served the charge during the construction of the church, and through the hurricane of 1947 and up to October 1st, 1948.



Street Map of Pearlington today.

During the time of construction of the church, the Board of Trustees were: Mr. John Furr, president, Mr. J. U. Jagot, treasurer, and Mr. F. O. McCoy, secretary. The building committee were: The Board of Trustees and Mr. H. T. Carr and Mr. Wayne Haslett.

The blue-print was drafted and presented to the church by Mr. Sidney Pendergas. Mr. Joe Garcia was the contractor and builder. The building was begun on February 9th, 1946.

The first meeting was held in the church on September 1st, 1946, although the interior was not finished until July, 1947.

The Mississippi Conference Board of Missions and Church Extension gave the church $300. The General Board of Missions and Church Extension gave the church $500 from the Crusade for Christ and a $200 extra gift.

The neighboring churches were of great assistance. People of the surrounding country donated liberally. Friends from Bay St. Louis, Gulfport, Lakeshore, Kiln, Waveland, Pass Christian and New Orleans, Louisiana, donated to the building fund and also to the furnishings.

The liberality of the donors made possible the plan to dedicate the church, free of debt, on October 5th, 1947. The plans were all made, the program selected and arranged, but the hurricane of 1947 came and the good people were flooded out. The church and furnishings were not damaged but the dedication was postponed.

The church was formally dedicated on March 20, 1949, by Rev. O. H. Scott, District Superintendent of the Seashore District, assisted by Rev. J. F. Bonnecarrere, acting pastor, Rev. Bufkin Oliver, pastor of Bay St. Louis Methodist Church, and Dr. T. Restin Heath, pastor of Lakeshore Methodist Church, and the Choir of the Bay St. Louis Methodist Church.

There was a short history of the church read. The President of the Board of Trustees, Mr. John G. Furr, presented the church for dedication. Rev. Scott gave a stirring dedication sermon on the subject, "My Church."

The day was perfect. The church was very beautiful. There was a wealth of lovely flowers and a capacity crowd.

All went home thanking God for a beautiful little church, dedicated to the glory of God and the service of men.

March 20, 1949

PARTIAL LIST OF PASTORS OF CLERMONT HARBOR

Dr. T. Restin Heath . . . . . June 25, 1944-October 1, 1948

Rev. J. P. Bonnecarrere, Acting Pastor . . . . February 2, 1948-

Rev. R. L. Salley 1950

Rev. W. A. Hartsfield, Pastor 1954

Rev. J. P. Bonnecarrere, Associate Pastor 1954

Rev. W. T. Randall 1955

Rev. W. M. Fennin 1956-58

Rev. Kermit Rouse 1959-60

Rev. J. P. Rousseau, Associate Pastor 1960-65

Rev. Dale Lyons 1961-62

Rev. F. M. Maple 1963

Rev. Robert Johnson 1964

Rev. Percy Burnes 1965-66

Rev. L. F. Bollegar 1967-68

Rev. H. H. Ryker 1969-73

Rev. Ira E. Williams 1974*

Rev. Frank Wheat 1974-75*

Rev. Walt Porter 1976-78

Rev. Karl Wilcox 1979

Rev. Robert D. Jones 1980-83

Rev. Robert Nay 1984-85

Rev. Alton Farley 1986-89

Dr. Bill Jenkins . . . . . June 1989-present

*Rev. Frank Wheat assumed the pastorate of Clermont Harbor in November 1973. Rev. Wheat was serving as pastor of Pearlington United Methodist at the time. Ever since, Clermont Harbor and Pearlington have shared pastors. Clermont Harbor sold their parsonage, and the pastors since that time lived in the Pearlington parsonage.

The names of the churches with whom Clermont Harbor has been affiliated as Methodist charges are:

1944 Clermont Harbor-Lakeshore
1972 Waveland-Clermont Harbor
1973 Clermont Harbor-Pearlington

1947 **MAJOR HURRICANE**

On September 19, 1947, a major hurricane struck the Gulf Coast, doing significant damage to Hancock County. Clermont Harbor Methodist Church, recently completed, was ready to dedicate the sanctuary. The hurricane forced the delay of formal dedication ceremonies. The 1947 hurricane was one of the last hurricanes to strike the coast without a name. In the following years, tropical visitors to the coast were given names, such as Betsy, Camille, Frederic, and Elena.

1949 **CLERMONT HARBOR METHODIST CHURCH BUILDING DEDICATED**

Clermont Harbor held a dedication service May 7, 1954. Bishop Marvin A. Franklin delivered a sermon. The church dedicated the Church School Annex and organ.

Chapter Eight: Mid Twentieth Century Pearlington (1946-1962)

1950 **DR. HEATH COMES TO PEARLINGTON**

W. B. Jones was appointed pastor of the Logtown Charge at the 1942 Annual Conference, and served this Charge until 1953. His tenure was the longest of any pastor, by far. The Charge included Logtown and Pearlington.

For some reason, not clear to this editor, Dr. T. Restin Heath assumed the pastorate of Pearlington Methodist in 1950, although W. B. Jones continues as Preacher in Charge until 1953. Dr. Heath, a retired physician from the Kansas Conference, assumed pastoral duties in small, struggling, or new churches. He previously helped start Clermont Harbor and Lakeshore churches before coming to Pearlington. Present day members who were here in 1950 report that the Pearlington church almost ceased to exist in 1950. Dr. Heath came down from Kiln to preach on Sunday evenings. The work at Pearlington was revived, and of course, survived this unexplained crisis.

1953 **BAY BRIDGE OPENS**

On July 1, 1953, a two mile span bridge across the Bay of St. Louis was opened. The modern four-lane bridge, which has a draw bridge for boats, united the Mississippi Gulf Coast from Pearlington to Pascagoula.

1955 **NATIONAL GUARD IN PEARLINGTON, CLOSE "THE OASIS" LOUNGE**

Gov. Hugh White sent the Mississippi National Guard into Pearlington to enforce the State's strict laws against sale of alcohol and the use of gambling.

1957 **COAST GOES ONTO DIAL TELEPHONE SYSTEM**

In May, 1957, the entire Gulf Coast converted to a modern, direct dial telephone system. This replaced the older system which required an operator to assist in completing every telephone call.

1961 **FIRST SOUTHERN BAPTIST CHURCH ORGANIZED**

With the close of Logtown by NASA, Baptists lost their active church there. With assistance of Southern Baptists in Bay St. Louis, the First Southern Baptist Church of Pearlington was organized.

Today, First Southern Baptist is a vital, active congregation. The church is breaking ground to build an addition to their attractive facilities. The Baptists and Methodists here have shared a fine spirit of Christian cooperation. The congregations join together for annual Thanksgiving services, and commonly support special services, especially revivals.

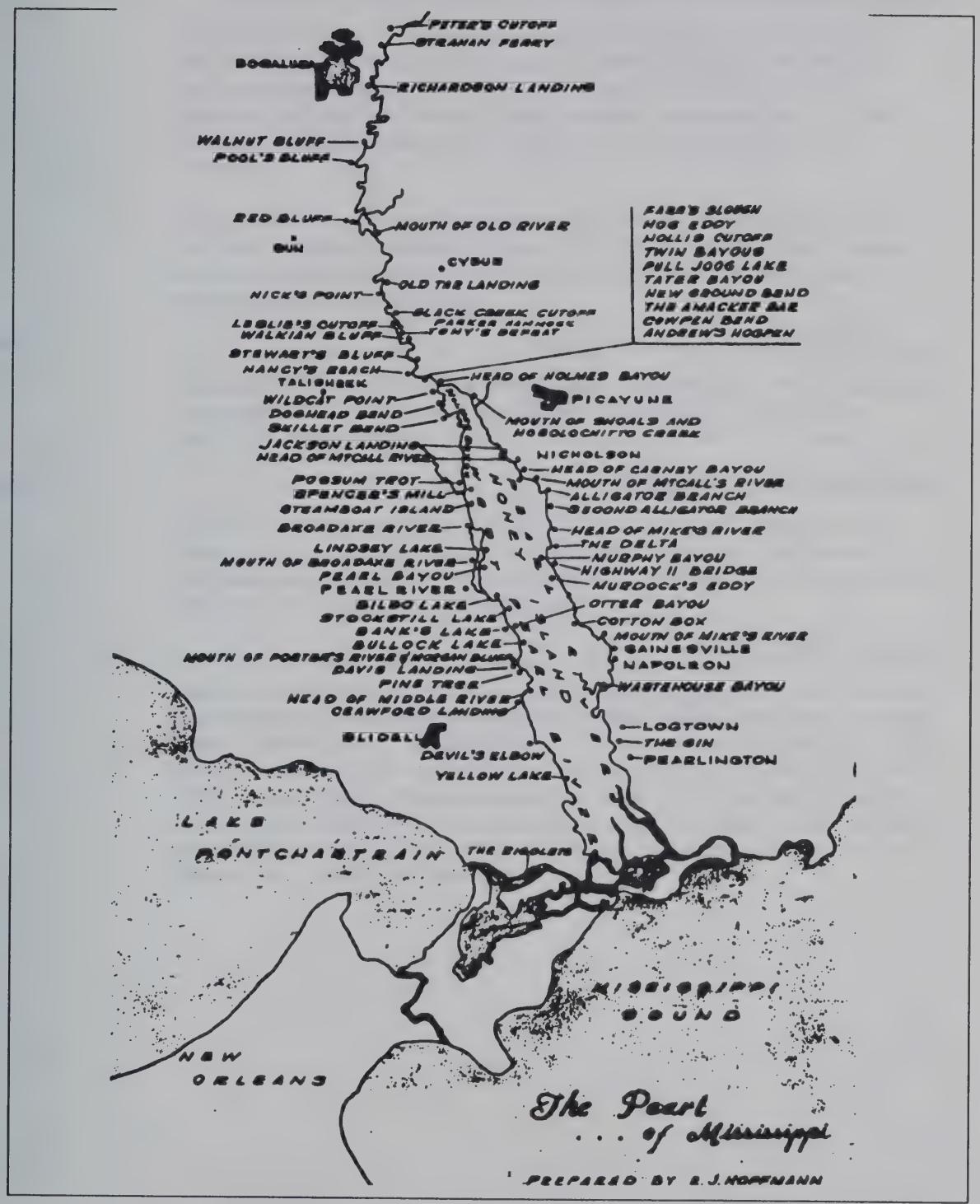
HOMECOMING AT LOGTOWN

"There will be Homecoming at Logtown Methodist Church on Sunday, May 28, at 10:30 a.m. The guest speaker will be the Reverend H. J. Moore who was pastor at Logtown 54 years ago from 1907-1910.

"The singing will be led by Robin J. Ware, well known pianist and singer of Vancleave. Dinner will be served at Logtown School Gymnasium after morning worship with plenty of hot coffee and cold soft drinks to go with the picnic lunches which the guests will bring.

"The pastor, the Reverend Bertist C. Rouse, announces that all former residents of the Logtown-Pearlington area are cordially invited, whether or not they are Methodists. He is issuing a special invitation to all former pastors of Logtown Methodist Church who can to be present for the service and dinner."

The Mississippi Methodist Advocate, May 24, 1961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STRAHAN FERRY
BOGALUSA
RICHARDSON LANDING
WALNUT BLUFF
POOL'S BLUFF
RED BLUFF
MOUTH OF OLD RIVER
GUN
CYRUS
OLD TIE LANDING
NICK'S POINT
BLACK CREEK CUTOFF
PARKER HAMMOCK
TONY'S BOAT
LESLIE'S CUTOFF
WILKIAN BLUFF
STEWART'S BLUFF
NANCY'S BEACH
TALISHEEK
WILDCAT POINT
DOGHEAD BEND
SKILLET BEND
JACKSON LANDING
HEAD OF MITCALL RIVER
POSSUM TROT
SPENCER'S MILL
STEAMBOAT ISLAND
BROADAXE RIVER
LINDSEY LAKE
MOUTH OF BROADAXE RIVER
PEARL BAYOU
PEARL RIVER
BILBO LAKE
STOCKSTILL LAKE
BANK'S LAKE
BULLOCK LAKE
MOUTH OF PORTER'S RIVER
DAVIS LANDING
PINE TREE
HEAD OF MIDDLE RIVER
CRAWFORD LANDING
BIDDELL
DEVIL'S ELBOW
YELLOW LAKE
LAKE PONTCHARTRAIN
THE RIGOLETS
NEW ORLEANS
MISSISSIPPI SOUND
EARL'S SLOUGH
HOG EDDY
HOLLIS CUTOFF
TWIN BAYOUS
PULL JOOG LAKE
TATER BAYOU
NEW GROUND BEND
THE AMACKER BAR
COWPEN BEND
ANDREW'S HOGPEN
HEAD OF HOLMES BAYOU
PICAYUNE
MOUTH OF SHOALS AND HOBOLOCHITTO CREEK
NICHOLSON
HEAD OF CASNEY BAYOU
MOUTH OF MITCALL'S RIVER
ALLIGATOR BRANCH
SECOND ALLIGATOR BRANCH
HEAD OF MIKE'S RIVER
THE DELTA
MURPHY BAYOU
HIGHWAY 11 BRIDGE
MURDOCK'S EDDY
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Chapter Nine: The NASA Era (1962-present)

1962 **NASA TEST SITE CLOSES LOGTOWN CHURCHES AND COMMUNITY**

The most significant event of the current century for the Pearlington-Logtown area was the building of the NASA Test Facility. Construction required the removal of families and even buildings in the old communities of Gainesville, Westonia, Napoleon, and Logtown. Pearlington barely escaped the restricted zone. All that remains of the former communities are photos, memories, and lonely isolated cemeteries.

But the spirit of Logtown and the other communities lives on in Pearlington and Picayune, where many residents relocated. S. G. Thigpen, the Pearl River historian, wrote several books of the legends of the lower Pearl River. The golden age of this region lives on in Thigpen's books.

1963 **DEATH OF JOHN KENNEDY IN DALLAS**

Throughout this book, we mention several national or international events that affected the entire nation. One such event took place on November 22, 1963, when the President of the United States, John F. Kennedy, was shot and killed in Dallas, Texas.

1967 **DEATH OF JAYNE MANSFIELD**

On June 29, 1967, actress Jayne Mansfield died in an automobile accident on U.S. Highway 90 between Pearlington and New Orleans. Her chauffeur and attorney also died when their auto struck the rear of a truck. Mansfield was 34. Her three children, asleep in the back seat, survived the accident.

1969 **HURRICANE "CAMILLE"**

Camille. That is all one needs to say. The most powerful hurricane ever to strike the coastline of the United States crashed ashore at Pass Christian, Mississippi, in August 1969. Clermont Harbor church was blown off its foundation. Water damage was felt almost everywhere, including Pearlington. Perhaps the effects of Camille were most felt at Clermont Harbor, where businesses and homes were blown away, never to be rebuilt. Clermont Harbor is but a shadow of the former community that thrived there before the Camille hurricane. Recent development, however, may mean a new era is about to begin at Clermont Harbor.

Without attempting to predict the future, it appears that the future of Pearlington and surrounding Hancock County is bright. Some predictions indicate that the population of the Gulf Coast may double within the next few decades. Indeed, Hancock County has been one of the fastest growing in Mississippi for the past three censuses.

While we may "long for the good old days" of Pearlington's prominence, we should not overlook the prospects of our day. By simply looking at a map of 1991, we see Pearlington is surrounded by opportunities for future growth. Among these are the Stennis Space Center, Port Bienville Industrial Park and Port, the Mississippi Welcome Center, the replentished sand beach, the Stennis airport, and Buccaneer State Park.

The legalization of dockside gambling in Hancock County in 1990 by the narrowest of margins, an act opposed by many Hancock Methodists, presents an interesting situation. Proponents of legalized gambling made bold promises for lower taxes, better salaries for teachers, increased standards of living, increased tourism, among other promises of a better life. Time will tell if they were right.

Some express openly they do not want dramatic growth in Hancock County with the increased traffic and crime. Only those reading this history decades hence will be able to know what we must speculate. Those future generations may read with amusement of our times, just as we read with enchantment of ages past.

NASA'S CONTINUED GROWTH

The total economic impact of the Stennis Space Center upon Hancock County is difficult to measure. Literally hundreds of millions of dollars flow into the local economy through salaries and expenditures. Research and development conducted at NASA's Stennis Center, just eight miles from Pearlington, will continue to make for a better lifestyle. Extended educational opportunities offered by the University of Southern Mississippi, Pearl River Community College, Mississippi State University, and the University of New Orleans, through Stennis Space Center now permit Pearlington residents to continue higher education, including masters and doctoral degree programs. As mankind reaches for the stars, Hancock County residents can be proud of their role in moving into this last frontier.

THE MISSISSIPPI WELCOME CENTER

A recent report showed 800,000 travelers stopped last year at the Mississippi Welcome Center, located on Interstate Highway 10, just six miles north of Pearlington. The potential of this vast wave of tourist is just beginning to be realized by Hancock County. With Pearlington's rich history and close proximity to the Welcome Center, the future potential for tourism in this town seems unlimited.

PORT BIENVILLE'S FUTURE

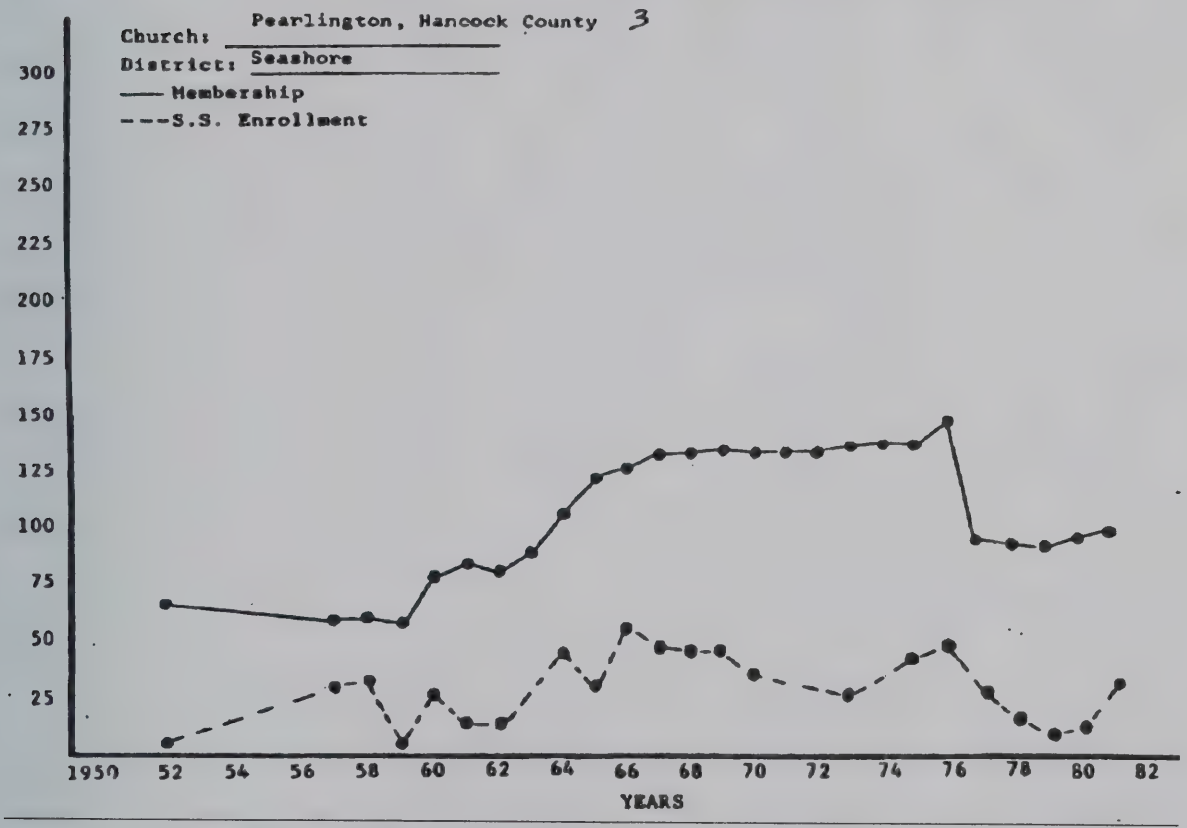
1991 marks the addition of another major facility at Port Bienville, located about seven miles east of Pearlington. In addition, Gulf Coast Fabrication last year closed its Pass Christian facility and combined its operations at Port Bienville. As future industrialists and exporters realize the advantages of Pearlington's unique location, just as early settlers 200 years ago, the Port Bienville facility may grow into the major source of employment and industrial production for the Gulf Coast. Any such growth will have immediate impact upon Pearlington.

THE FUTURE OF STENNIS INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

It may be "far fetched" to imagine that Stennis International Airport may one day become the major airport for New Orleans. However, last year, Governors Roemer and Mabus of Louisiana and Mississippi met to discuss the location of the future New Orleans airport. Among the possible sites were Slidell, Stennis Space Center, and Stennis International Airport. All three of these sites are within a fifteen mile radius of Pearlington. Should either of these locations be selected for the future New Orleans International Airport, the benefit to Pearlington and Hancock County would be tremendous. Construction would begin about 2010 A.D., the Governors said.

HANCOCK COUNTY SAND BEACH & TOURISM

In June 1991, the time of the publication of this book, the Hancock County Board of Supervisors approved the restoration of the sand beach from Bay St. Louis to Clermont Harbor. With tourism such a major part of the coast economy, and with the



sand beaches of Harrison County so crowded, and further, with the proximity to the tourists from New Orleans, this restoration may have a dramatic impact upon the local economy.

BUCCANEER STATE PARK

Finally, we cite Buccaneer State Park as a future source of development. This recreational facility, located just one mile from Clermont Harbor, will continue to attract increasing numbers of people, which in turn will add jobs and expand the local economy.

One thing seems sure: Pearlington is not going to disappear. Literally encircled by potential growth, the future seems bright. Pearlington has known "boom days and bust." Many have written Pearlington off, but she steadfastly refuses to die. Our hopes are that her most prosperous days are yet to come.

In the tradition of Southern hospitality, we say, "Ya'll come, now." If you do, you may discover that Pearlington is one of the Gulf Coast's best kept secrets!

APPENDIX A (Roster of Pastors)

PEARL RIVER CIRCUIT (including Pearlington)

YEAR	DISTRICT	CHARGE	MEMBERS(w/b)	PASTOR
1813	Mississippi	Pearl River		Samuel S. Lewis
1814	Mississippi	Pearl River		Samuel S. Lewis
1815	Mississippi	Pearl River	142/30	Elijah Gentry
1816	Mississippi	Pearl River	140/30	John Manifee
1817	Mississippi	Pearl River	171/29	Peter James
1818	Mississippi	Pearl River	182/13	Wiley Ledbetter
1819	Mississippi	Pearl River	250/20	
1820	Mississippi	Pearl River	160/14	Miles Harper
1821	Mississippi	Pearl River	219/81	John Booth
1822	Mississippi	Pearl River	274/78	Thomas Griffin, sup., William Alexander
1823	Mississippi	Pearl River	327/65	Miles Harper
1824	Mississippi	Pearl River	354/33	Peter James
1825	Mississippi	Pearl River	284/4	Peter James Jno. P. Haney
1826	Mississippi	Pearl River	397/34	Miles Harper John Mann
1827	Mississippi	Pearl River	378/65	Peter James Anderson C. McDaniel
1828	Washington	Pearl River	385/58	Thomas Clinton
1829	Washington	Pearl River	333/61	Richard H. Herbert Daniel D. Breuer
1830	Washington	Pearl River	457/120	Jno. P. Haney J. Foster
1831	Washington	Pearl River		J. Matthews W. B. Cobb
1832	Washington	Pearl River	578/148	James Watson
1833	Washington	Pearl River	242/21	J. Applewhite
1834	Washington	Pearl River	242/27	J. B. Higginbotham
1835	Natchez	Pearl River		Coman Methven
1836	Natchez	Pearl River	273/na	N. B. Raiford David M. Wiggins

PEARLINGTON CIRCUIT

YEAR	DISTRICT	CHARGE	MEMBERS(w/b)	PASTOR
1836	Monticello	Pearlington	N/A	Joseph P. Sneed, supply
1837	Monticello	Pearlington	N/A	James M'Donald
1838	Baton Rouge	Pearlington	100/28	A. S. Parker
1839	Paulding	Pearlington	101/28	R. R. Gill
1840	Paulding	Pearlington	108/30	H. J. Harris
1841	Covington	Pearlington	142/28	H. Y. M'Nabb
1842	Paulding	Pearlington	203/34	M'Nabb andS. J. Davies

BILOXI CIRCUIT (including Pearlington)

YEAR	DISTRICT	CHARGE	MEMBERS	PASTOR
1843	Paulding	Biloxi	203/48	James Y. Griffing, Daniel A. J. Parker
1844	Pearl River	Biloxi		B. C. Stegal, C. F. Freuel
1845	Pearl River	Biloxi		Andrew Day, Seaborn Hyde
1846	Pearl River	Biloxi		Thos. T. Leach, F. M. Hollister

GAINESVILLE CIRCUIT (including Pearlington)

YEAR	DISTRICT	CHARGE	MEMBERS(w/b)	PASTOR
1847	Pearl River	Gainesville	N/A	Seaborn Hyde
1848	Covington	Gainesville	214/73	Alexander A. Lewis
1849	Covington	Gainesville	150/79	Myron R. Hollister
1850	Covington	Gainesville	121/77	Allen Castle
1851	Covington	Gainesville	303/132	James O. Woodward
1852	Covington	Gainesville	191/148	William Rainey
1853	Covington	Gainesville	125/115	Archibald Nicholson
1854	Paulding	Gainesville	191/100	H. T. Lewis
1855	Covington	Gainesville	191/100	James Earley
1856	Covington	Gainesville	N/A	John Boyes
1857	Covington	Gainesville	31/22	Henry D. Berry
1858	Biloxi	Gainesville	46/30	James English
1859	Biloxi	Gainesville	58/33	John D. Shaw
1860	Biloxi	Gainesville Mission	63/33	Jarrot W. McNeil
1861	Biloxi	Gainesville Mission	182/58	Jarrot W. McNeil
1862	Paulding	Gainesville Mission	182/158	TBS (to be supplied)
1863	Paulding	Gainesville Mission	N/A	Michael Cox
1864	Handsboro	Gainesville Mission	N/A	TBS (to be supplied)
1865	Paulding	Gainesville Mission	N/A	TBS (to be supplied)
1866	Paulding	Gainesville & Colored Miss.	N/A	TBS (to be supplied)
1867	Paulding		N/A	*nothing on Gainesville
1868	Paulding		N/A	*nothing on Gainesville
1869	Mt. Carmel	Gainesville	N/A	Henry P. Bowen
1870	Seashore	Gainesville	114/1	TBS (by J. W. Williams)

PEARLINGTON CHARGE

YEAR	DISTRICT	CHARGE	MEMBERS	PASTOR
1871	Seashore	Pearlington	176	George Jackson
1872	Seashore	Pearlington	88	Henry P. Bowing
1873	Seashore	Pearlington	85	David A. Givens
1874	Seashore	Pearlington	85	David A. Givens
1875	Seashore	Pearlington	103	William W. Hopper
1876	Seashore	Pearlington	141	Inman W. Cooper
1877	Seashore	Pearlington	143	A. B. Nicholson
1878	Seashore	Pearlington	131	Charles W. Calhoun
1879	Seashore	Pearlington	N/A	Charles W. Calhoun
1880	Seashore	Pearlington	157	Parmenas Howard
1881	Seashore	Pearlington	N/A	Parmenas Howard
1882	Seashore	Pearlington	142	J. W. Sandall
1883	Seashore	Pearlington	123	Joshua T. Beard
1884	Seashore	Pearlington	93	Benjamin Jones
1885	Seashore	Pearlington	N/A	John D. Hays
1886	Seashore	Pearlington	N/A	John D. Hays
1887	Seashore	Pearlington	96	W.illiamD. Dominick
1888	Seashore	Pearlington	158	John W. Chambers
1889	Seashore	Pearlington	159	T. W. Adams
1890	Seashore	Pearlington	186	T. W. Adams
1891	Seashore	Pearlington	177	T. W. Adams
1892	Seashore	Pearlington	177	J. V. Penn
1893	Seashore	Pearlington	179	D. Scarborough
1894	Seashore	Pearlington	212	R. B. Downer
1895	Seashore	Pearlington	212	W. G. Forsythe
1896	Seashore	Pearlington	220	W. G. Forsythe
1897	Seashore	Pearlington	222	W. G. Forsythe
1898	Seashore	Pearlington	N/A	George H. Galloway
1899	Seashore	Pearlington	226	George H. Galloway
1900	Seashore	Pearlington	228	George H. Galloway
1901	Seashore	Pearlington	239	George H. Galloway

YEAR	DISTRICT	CHARGE	MEMBERS	PASTOR
1902	Seashore	Pearlington	281	George H. Galloway
1903	Seashore	Pearlington	273	C. F. Emery
1904	Seashore	Pearlington	260	Lymon Carley
1905	Seashore	Pearlington	210	L. A. Darsey
1906	Seashore	Pearlington	211	L. A. Darsey
1907	Seashore	Pearlington	186	L. A. Darsey
1908	Seashore	Pearlington	207	H. J. Moore
1909	Seashore	Pearlington	185	H. J. Moore
1910	Seashore	Pearlington	177	H. J. Moore

LOGTOWN CHARGE (including Pearlington)

YEAR	DISTRICT	CHARGE	MEMBERS	PASTOR
1911	Seashore	Logtown	283	Hervie Mellard
1912	Seashore	Logtown	304	Hervie Mellard
1913	Seashore	Logtown	323	Hervie Mellard
1914	Seashore	Logtown	324	Hervie Mellard
1915	Seashore	Logtown	228	John E. Gray
1916	Seashore	Logtown	210	John E. Gray
1917	Seashore	Logtown	252	John E. Gray
1918	Seashore	Logtown	251	John E. Gray
1919	Seashore	Logtown	165	Henry L. Norton
1920	Seashore	Logtown	185	Henry L. Norton
1921	Seashore	Logtown	185	Earl L. Alford
1922	Seashore	Logtown	167	Earl L. Alford
1923	Seashore	Logtown	192	Thomas H. King
1924	Seashore	Logtown	197	Charles A. Schultz
1925	Seashore	Logtown	194	Charles A. Schultz
1926	Seashore	Logtown	194	William L. Linford
1927	Seashore	Logtown	139	A. J. Beasley
1928	Seashore	Logtown	145	A. J. Beasley
1929	Seashore	Logtown	158	John W. Moore
1930	Seashore	Logtown	146	John W. Moore
1931	Seashore	Logtown	173	R. L. Walton
1932	Seashore	Logtown	152	J. D. Ellis
1933	Seashore	Logtown	153	James D. Slay
1934	Seashore	Logtown	153	James D. Slay
1935	Seashore	Logtown	159	W. C. Black
1936	Seashore	Logtown	156	F. S. Flurry, supply
1937	Seashore	Logtown	144	E. E. Price
1938	Seashore	Logtown	139	E. E. Price
1939	Seashore	Logtown	145	C. G. Felder
1940	Seashore	Logtown	142	C. G. Felder
1941	Seashore	Logtown		Y. A. Smith, J. P. Nix ???
1942	Seashore	Logtown		W. B. Jones
1943	Seashore	Logtown		W. B. Jones
1944	Seashore	Logtown		W. B. Jones
1945	Seashore	Logtown		W. B. Jones
1946	Seashore	Logtown		W. B. Jones
1947	Seashore	Logtown		W. B. Jones
1948	Seashore	Logtown		W. B. Jones
1949	Seashore	Logtown		W. B. Jones
1950	Seashore	Logtown		W. B. Jones
		Pearlington		Dr. T. Restin Heath
1951	Seashore	Logtown		W. B. Jones
		Pearlington		Dr. T. Restin Heath
1952	Seashore	Logtown		W. B. Jones
		Pearlington		J. Rousseau
1953	Seashore	Logtown		W. B. Jones
		Pearlington		J. Rousseau
1954	Seashore	Logtown		TBS (W. B. Jones)
		Pearlington		W. M. Fennin
1955	Seashorere	Logtown		J. P. Bonnecarrere
		Pearlington		W. M. Fennin

YEAR	DISTRICT	CHARGE	MEMBERS	PASTOR
1956	Seashore	Logtown		J. P. Bonnecarrere
		Pearlington		W. M. Fennin
1957	Seashore	Logtown		Stephen Lambright
		Pearlington		W. A. Hartsfield
1958	Seashore	Logtown		W. A. Hartsfield
		Pearlington		Kermit Rouse
1959	Seashore	Logtown		William Sanford
		Pearlington		Kermit Rouse
1960	Seashore	Logtown/Pearlington		Bertist Rouse
1961	Seashore	Logtown/Pearlington		Percy E. Hatch
1962	Seashore	Logtown/Pearlington		Percy E. Hatch
1963	Seashore	Logtown/Pearlington		Percy E. Hatch

PEARLINGTON CHARGE

YEAR	DISTRICT	CHARGE	MEMBERS	PASTOR
1964	Seashore	Pearlington		Percy E. Hatch
1965	Seashore	Pearlington		Percy E. Hatch
1966	Seashore	Pearlington		Percy E. Hatch
1967	Seashore	Pearlington		Percy E. Hatch
1968	Seashore	Pearlington		Frank Wheat
1969	Seashore	Pearlington		Frank Wheat
1970	Seashore	Pearlington		Frank Wheat
1971	Seashore	Pearlington		Frank Wheat
1972	Seashore	Pearlington		Frank Wheat
1973	Seashore	Pearlington		Frank Wheat
1974	Seashore	Pearlington		Frank Wheat

CLERMONT HARBOR CHARGE (including Pearlington)

YEAR	DISTRICT	CHARGE	MEMBERS	PASTOR
1975	Seashore	Clermont Harbor/Pearlington		Walter L. Porter
1976	Seashore	Clermont Harbor/Pearlington		Walter L. Porter
1977	Seashore	Clermont Harbor/Pearlington		Walter L. Porter
1978	Seashore	Clermont Harbor/Pearlington		Karl Wilcox
1979	Seashore	Clermont Harbor/Pearlington		Robert D. Jones
1980	Seashore	Clermont Harbor/Pearlington		Robert D. Jones
1981	Seashore	Clermont Harbor/Pearlington		Robert D. Jones
1982	Seashore	Clermont Harbor/Pearlington		Robert D. Jones
1983	Seashore	Clermont Harbor/Pearlington		Robert Nay
1984	Seashore	Clermont Harbor/Pearlington		Robert Nay
1985	Seashore	Clermont Harbor/Pearlington		Alton Farley
1986	Seashore	Clermont Harbor/Pearlington		Alton Farley
1987	Seashore	Clermont Harbor/Pearlington		Alton Farley
1988	Seashore	Clermont Harbor/Pearlington		Alton Farley
1989	Seashore	Clermont Harbor/Pearlington		TBS (by William L. Jenkins, Jr.)
1990	Seashore	Clermont Harbor/Pearlington		TBS (by William L. Jenkins, Jr.)
1991	Seashore	Clermont Harbor/Pearlington		William L. Jenkins, Jr.

APPENDIX B (Roster of Members)

Armistead, Ethel Miss.....1894/10/18
Armistead, Namit Mrs.....1850/01/18
Arnold, E S.....1925/04/27
Ashton, Theresa Mrs.....1884/01/18
Austill, Dawn Denise.....1984/04/01
Austill, Janet.....1983/04/01
Austill, Scott Matthew.....1984/04/01
Austill, Wm Arthur.....1984/04/01
Averette, Lynn.....1981/07/09
Averette, Wade.....1981/07/09
Baxter, Alton.....1922/06/25
Baxter, Austin.....1923/06/23
Baxter, Benj.....1911/05/08
Baxter, Benjamin Jr.....1894/10/18
Baxter, Evelyn.....1913/10/24
Baxter, F M.....1920/08/26
Baxter, Gladys.....1910/11/25
Baxter, Harry.....1911/05/08
Baxter, Harry.....1911/05/08
Baxter, Harry Jr.....1923/06/23
Baxter, Jno Christian.....1913/10/19
Baxter, John F.....1911/05/08
Baxter, John F.....1911/05/08
Baxter, Manon F Jr.....1894/10/18
Baxter, Mrs John.....1929/09/02
Baxter, Mrs Roy.....1910/04/20
Baxter, Roy Jr.....1924/06/01
Baxter, Virginia.....1923/06/23
Baxter, Walton Wm.....1923/07/23
Baxter. Mrs Gladys.....1911/05/08
Beasley, Hettie Faye.....1929/05/26
Beasley, Julia Moore.....1927/12/09
Beasley, William Moore.....1929/05/26
Bennett, Afrie Laura.....1947/05/07
Bennett, Afrie Lauri.....1947/06/01
Bennett, Annie Ruth
Bennett, Annie Ruth.....1953/06/01
Bennett, Barbara Eliza.....1947/06/01
Bennett, Carrie.....1938/08/01
Bennett, Carrie Mrs.....1938/08/07
Bennett, Clara.....1911/05/14
Bennett, Doris.....1935/04/01
Bennett, Earl Claiborne.....1936/02/02
Bennett, Gordon.....1911/02/08
Bennett, Gordon.....1911/02/08
Bennett, Grover Edwin.....1947/06/01
Bennett, Grover Jr.....1957/06/01
Bennett, Irma.....1953/06/01
Bennett, Irma
Bennett, Joesph.....1938/08/01
Bennett, John.....1911/07/02
Bennett, John Jr.....1924/10/07
Bennett, John William
Bennett, Joseph.....1938/08/07
Bennett, Jospeh E Mrs.....1950/06/01
Bennett, Kenneth Clyde.....1953/06/01
Bennett, Lawrence.....1924/10/07
Bennett, Mary Catherin.....1936/05/24
Bennett, Mary Catherine.....1936/09/01
Bennett, Myrtle Evon.....1936/02/02
Bennett, Nettie Miss.....1911/08/09
Bennett, Prior.....1911/11/01
Bennett, Roland A.....1938/08/07
Bennett, Roland A.....1938/08/01
Bennett, Roland Harold.....1953/06/01
Bennett, Ruby Mae.....1949/05/06
Bennett, Wm A.....1938/08/07
Bennett, Wm Abner.....1938/08/01
Bennette, Elizabeth.....1911/09/06
Bennette, Prier.....1911/11/01
Bennette, Prier.....1911/11/01
Beyer, Amanda Miss.....1886/01/18
Beyer, Charles.....1911/05/14
Beyer, Charles.....1911/07/30
Beyer, Eva.....1911/02/08
Beyer, Eva Miss.....1911/05/14
Beyer, John.....1911/07/02
Beyer, John.....1894/10/18
Beyer, John Earl.....1946/06/01
Beyer, T M Mrs.....1949/06/01
Beyer, Theophilus.....1911/07/02
Beyer, Tina Miss.....1902/09/15
Boardman, Carrier Mrs.....1886/01/18
Boardman, Daniel A.....1886/01/18
Booth, Floyd Mrs.....1938/02/01
Bristow, Charles.....1952/06/01
Browder, Myrtle.....1924/10/07
Browder, Myrtle Mary.....1924/08/03
Browder, W E.....1924/10/07
Brown, Albert.....1887/01/18
Brown, Bessie L Mrs.....1895/01/18
Brown, Joseph T.....1893/05/18
Brown, Lollie Mrs.....1898/01/18
Browsey, Bette Darlene.....1938/08/07
Browsey, Betty Darlene.....1938/08/01
Burnsed, Jeanette.....1971
Cameron, Alta Carver.....1922/11/12
Cameron, Altha Carver.....1922/10/08
Cameron, James.....1924/06/01
Carpenter, Lee M.....1924/10/07
Carpenter, Melvin Mrs.....1924/10/07
Carpenter, Thelma.....1924/10/05
Carpenter, Thelma.....1924/10/07
Carver, Artesia.....1913/10/19
Carver, Earl.....1911/06/11
Carver, Jerome.....1911/06/11
Carver, Robert.....1952/06/01
Casanova, Adel.....1920/05/01
Casanova, Adele.....1920/08/26
Casanova, Alto.....1911/05/08
Casanova, Alto.....1911/05/08
Casanova, Bertha.....1920/05/01
Casanova, Bertha Miss.....1920/08/26
Casanova, Edna Mrs.....1926/01/23

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Casanova, Emma M Mrs 1894/10/18
Casanova, Emma M..... 1894/10/28
Casanova, Eunice Mrs..... 1929/09/02
Casanova, Mamie..... 1913/08/17
Casanova, Mamie Mrs..... 1913/08/14
Casanova, Otis..... 1911/05/08
Casanova, Otis..... 1911/05/08
Casanova, Thomas Louis..... 1913/02/13
Casanova, Willie..... 1911/05/08
Casanova, Willie..... 1911/05/08
Casley, Grace A Miss 1904/01/01
Casley, Laura V Miss 1904/01/01
Casley, Mrs 1904/01/01
Caver, Geo..... 1911/06/11
Chevis, Mable Miss..... 1912/11/12
Chevis, Sallie Miss 1912/11/12
Chevis, W. H. 1912/11/12
Cole, Fred B 1957/09/01
Cole, Genevieve Mrs 1957/09/01
Cook, Robert C..... 1886/01/18
Cooke, Laverne..... 1980/01/01
Cornett, Ruble H Mr..... 1937/11/01
Cottrell, Connie 1972/01/01
Cottrell, Jack 1972/01/01
Courrege, Bertram 1913/06/17
Courrege, Elizabeth..... 1928/06/03
Courrege, Lizzie Mrs..... 1894/10/18
Cowart, Delilah Mrs..... 1850/01/18
Cowart, Lydia 1900/01/15
Cowart, Octavia 1893/05/18
Croft, T M..... 1928/06/03
Cursey, Laura Mrs..... 1874/04/18
Dale, Ettie Hammond..... 1925/10/29
Darsey, Idella S Mrs 1905/03/08
Darsey, James W..... 1905/03/08
Darsey, Robbie M Miss 1905/03/08
Darsey, Shermie D Miss 1905/03/08
Davis, Ernestine..... 1957/09/01
Davis, Gaylord Harold..... 1952/06/01
Davis, Horace..... 1927/05/01
Davis, J P Mrs..... 1927/05/01
Davis, John P..... 1911/05/08
Davis, Pearl Miss..... 1927/01/29
Davis, Robert 1911/06/11
Davis, Rosabelle 1911/05/08
Davis, Ruth..... 1981/08/01
Dean, Eleanore 1931/07/12
Dean, Emma..... 1957/09/01
Dean, Oma Mrs 1921/03/06
Dean, Frank..... 1931/07/12
Dean, Gladys..... 1931/07/12
Dean, Harlan G., Jr.
Dean, Harlan Gilbert 1947/05/07
Dean, Harlan Gilbert S..... 1947/06/01
Dean, Karen
Dean, Mildred..... 1931/07/12
Dean, Patsy..... 1957/09/01
Dean, Sharon
Dean, Sue S.
Dean, Susan Michelle..... 1985/05/05
Dean, Thomas..... 1931/07/12
Dean, Verna..... 1938/08/01
Dean, Verna Miss..... 1938/08/07
Dean, Wm Robert 1938/08/01
Dean, Wm Robert 1938/08/07
Delacroix, Donna
Deveraux, Ella Rie..... 1906/11/11
Dillard, Kate J Miss..... 1905/08/11
Donaly, Mary..... 1911/09/06
Donaly, Mary Miss 1911/09/13
Donaly, Mary Miss 1911/09/06
Donley, Cecillia Miss 1911/08/03
Donley, James 1911/07/30
Dorr, Colleen 1943/10/03
Dorr, Don M Capt..... 1953/06/01
Dorr, Florine..... 1931/06/01
Dorr, Florine..... 1921/03/06
Dorr, Gussie Ann 1945/02/04
Dorr, John Mead 1911/09/06
Dorr, Louis..... 1913/04/06
Dorr, Louis..... 1913/04/06
Dorr, Lovell..... 1911/02/08
Dorr, Maggie Mrs..... 1910/09/04
Dorr, Nancy Mrs..... 1871/01/18
DuBose, Mary B Mrs..... 1904/03/08
Edmonson, Miriam
Edmonson, Van
Edward, Edwin..... 1913/04/06
Egan, Buck..... 1959/03/08
Egan, Dan 1959/03/08
Egan, Dan Mrs..... 1959/03/08
Ellis, F O Mr 1922/11/12
Ellis, F O Mrs..... 1922/11/12
Ellis, Margaret 1912/04/05
Ellis, Margaret 1913/04/29
Ellis, Margaret Mrs 1912/04/29
Elmore, Ellen 1912/11/07
Erwin, Inez..... 1938/08/14
Erwin, Inez Mrs..... 1939/10/01
Farley, Gerald Dean..... 1985/10/01
Farr, Ruth Mrs 1902/09/15
Farrington, Curtis..... 1913/04/29
Farrington, Della M. 1913/04/29
Farrington, Edward 1913/04/29
Farrington, Edwin..... 1913/04/29
Farrington, George H. 1913/04/29
Farrington, Lula..... 1913/04/29
Favre, Angelean L. 1929/10/29
Favre, Angeline..... 1929/06/01
Favre, Clara 1887/01/18
Favre, Hunter E 1894/10/18
Favre, Joseph A..... 1871/01/18
Favre, Joseph J..... 1890/01/18
Favre, Lillie..... 1929/06/01
Favre, Lillie E..... 1929/10/29
Favre, Louisa E Miss..... 1871/01/18
Favre, Margaret 1912/04/05
Favre, Margarette Miss..... 1912/04/01
Favre, Mary..... 1929/06/01
Favre, Mary E..... 1929/10/29
Favre, Mary Rita Miss..... 1896/01/18
Favre, Octavia 1888/01/18
Favre, Quitman J. 1929/10/29
Favre, Simon..... 1911/06/15
Favre, Simon..... 1911/06/15
Favre, Ventress..... 1912/04/05

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Favre, Ventress 1912/04/02
Felts, Alvin Jr. 1938/05/01
Felts, Alvin Sr. 1938/04/17
Felts, Erma 1938/04/17
Felts, H L Mrs 1938/02/01
Finhold, Matilda Mrs 1902/09/15
Fountain, Alice Louise 1909/10/17
Fountain, Angaline 1923/10/03
Fountain, Angeline Ms 1897/01/18
Fountain, Bessie 1911/05/08
Fountain, Bessie 1911/05/08
Fountain, W W Dr. 1923/10/03
Fountaine, Jas Q M.D. 1894/10/18
Frandsen, Louise 1920/10/30
Franklin, Sonise 1911/05/28
Fritz, Idumia 1894/10/18
Fritz, Michael 1894/10/18
Fryatt, W H Mrs 1938/02/01
Fryatt, Wm H Dr 1938/08/07
Fryatt, Wm. H.Dr 1938/08/01
Garcia, Bessie 1938/08/01
Garcia, Bessie 1938/08/07
Garcia, Clara 1957/09/01
Garcia, Clara Barr 1927/10/16
Garcia, Frank Joseph l938/08/07
Garcia, Frank Joseph 1938/08/01
Garcia, Gus 1938/08/07
Garcia, Guss 1938/08/01
Garcia, Guss Mrs 1938/08/01
Garcia, Mary 1938/08/01
Garcia, Mary Mrs 1938/08/07
Garcia, Mollie 1952/06/01
Garcia, Nancy 1902/09/15
Garcia, Wm Gus 1938/08/07
Garreaux, Grace 1921/08/28
Garreaux, Mary Valenti 1923/06/23
Garreauz, Honor 1921/08/28
Gasscau, Aramand 1896/01/18
Gasscau, Ogine Miss 1896/01/18
Gasseau, Angeline Mrs 1878/01/18
Gasseau, Florence A Ms 1894/10/18
Gautier, Norman 1931/07/12
Geiger, George 1888/09/18
George, Pearl 1913/06/27
George, Pearl 1913/06/27
Giveans, Darren
Giveans, Drew
Giveans, Elliot R 1938/08/07
Giveans, Elliot Robert 1938/08/01
Giveans, Faye
Giveans, Isadore Jr 1956/05/01
Giveans, J E 1935/04/01
Giveans, J. E. Jr.
Giveans, J M Mrs 1912/10/15
Giveans, John Samuel 1950/06/01
Giveans, Katie Mrs 1931/07/12
Giveans, Larry
Giveans, LaWanda
Giveans, Lucille 1953/06/01
Giveans, Marie Elaine 1953/06/01
Giveans, Nannie Pettit 1952/06/01
Giveans, Patricia Ann
Giveans, Samuel 1953/06/01
Giveans, Wayne
Givens, Bessie 1913/04/06
Givens, Bessie 1913/04/29
Givens, Horatio 1913/04/06
Givens, Horatio 1913/04/29
Givens, Pauline 1932/03/11
Grans, Isaac 1874/10/18
Grans, Sarah Mrs 1886/01/18
Gutiesing, Lizzie Mrs 1853/01/18
Guttierriz, Henry 1890/01/18
Guttierriz, Theo 1913/04/06
Guzman, John A 1894/10/18
Guzman, Martha 1887/01/18
Hale, Samuel 1980/01/01
Hale, Sue 1980/01/01
Hall, Harry Richard 1922/11/12
Hall, Harry Richard 1922/11/12
Harville, John
Harville, Amy
Hamilton, David 1975/08/01
Hamilton, Doretta 1975/08/01
Hamilton, Emily Anne 1982/12/25
Hamilton, John 1975/08/01
Henderson, Elva 1913/10/24
Henry, George 1913/04/06
Hill, Estelle Mary 1911/07/26
Hodges, Ira 1972/01/01
Hodges, Phyllis 1972/01/01
Holden, Genevia 1894/10/18
Holden, J. W. 1903/11/08
Holden, Stephanie Ann 1984/08/01
Hollebrand, Bennie Mrs 1939/10/01
Holleman, Nettie 1920/08/26
Holleman, Nettie 1920/05/01
Hollis, Gordon 1929/05/01
Hollis, Gordon 1929/05/26
Holmes, E. P. Prof 1911/11/26
Honea, Alva Ben, Sr. 1923/04/01
Honea, Alvin B 1923/06/23
Honea, Viola 1909/10/17
Hoover, Laurina 1909/01/01
Hover, David B 1896/10/18
Hover, Ednesse Miss 1912/04/05
Hover, Ednse Mrs 1912/04/02
Hover, Edward 1911/05/08
Hover, Edward M 1911/05/19
Hover, Henrietta Mrs 1894/10/18
Hover, Mrs 1896/10/18
Hover, Perrie Miss 1912/04/02
Hover, Perrier 1912/04/05
Howel, C A 1909/01/01
Howel, C A Mrs 1909/01/01
Howse, Joseph J 1911/05/08
Howze, Emelia Mrs 1925/08/15
Howze, Hunter 1911/05/08
Howze, Hunter 1911/05/08
Howze, Jno 1911/05/08
Howze, John 1911/05/08
Howze, Joseph 1911/05/08
Howze, Mitchell Ruth 1911/06/02
Humphries, Ada Miss 1923/06/23
Hursey, Ames Mead 1894/10/18
Hursey, Emma 1911/07/26

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Hursey, Eva.....1931/07/12
Hursey, Lauruza Miss.....1902/09/15
Hursey, Leonard.....1911/07/26
Hursey, Lottie.....1931/07/12
Hursey, Mead.....1929/09/01
Hursey, Sydney H.....1894/10/18
Hursey, Wm Abner.....1912/10/02
Israel, D R.....1924/06/01
Jackson, Bessie.....1913/04/06
Jackson, Bessie.....1913/04/29
Jackson, Lee.....1913/04/06
Jackson, Lee.....1913/04/29
Johnson, Annie Miss.....1911/08/27
Johnson, John.....1894/10/18
Johnson, Rosie Bell.....1914/07/26
Johnson, Sarah.....1894/10/18
Jones, Cardell Miss.....1936/05/01
Jones, Corbe.....1936/05/01
Jones, John Mrs.....1936/05/01
Jones, Margorie Davis.....1979/08/01
Jones, Minnie Terry.....1913/09/20
King, James.....1923/03/03
King, Pherriby Miss.....1927/12/09
King, Russie Miss.....1923/03/03
King, T H Jr.....1923/03/03
King, T H Mrs.....1923/03/03
Koch, Edith.....1920/05/01
Koch, Edith.....1920/08/26
Koch, Elizabeth.....1919/08/01
Koch, Erasmus Emile.....1920/08/26
Koch, Herbert.....1923/06/23
Koch, Irma.....1921/08/28
Koch, Nellie Mrs.....1902/09/15
Koch, Rasmus E.....1920/05/01
Koch, Rasmus Mrs.....1927/10/16
Koch, Richard.....1911/05/08
Koch, Richard A.....1923/06/23
Koch, Richard B.....1911/05/08
Koch, Rudolf.....1920/08/26
Koch, Rudolph.....1920/05/01
Koch, W T Dr.....1925/04/27
Koch, William.....1911/05/08
Koch, Wm. M.D.....1911/05/08
Ladner, Lionel Loyd.....1913/06/17
Ladner, Randy.....1913/06/17
Lafontain, John.....1902/09/15
Latour, Elizabeth.....1956/04/01
Latour, Louis.....1956/05/01
Lee, Mr.....1922/11/12
Lee, Mr.....1922/11/22
Lee, Mrs.....1922/11/12
Lee, Mrs.....1922/11/22
Leonard, Oscar J.....1888/01/18
Little, Amelia.....1911/09/06
Little, Andrew D C.....1886/01/18
Little, Charlotte Mrs.....1875/01/18
Little, Chas. Claiborn.....1938/08/01
Little, Clarence Claib.....1938/10/09
Little, Joseph M.....1911/09/06
Little, Ruby Estelle.....1938/08/01
Little, Ruby Estelle.....1938/10/09
Little, Willie Matthew.....1938/10/09
Little, Willie Matthew.....1938/08/01
Little, Willie, Jr.....1911/07/02
Little, Willis.....1911/05/14
Little, Willis.....1886/01/18
Lott, Clyde Mrs.....1925/10/29
Lott, Gertrude.....1924/06/01
Lott, Jodie.....1920/08/26
Lott, Jodie.....1920/05/01
Lott, Lila Lenore.....1923/06/23
Lott, Pearl.....1911/09/13
Lott, Pearl Mrs.....1911/09/20
Lott, Sam Jr.....1929/05/26
Lott, Sam Jr.....1929/05/26
Lott, Viola Louise.....1923/06/23
Mackay, Kate Mrs.....1920/01/03
Mackay, Lazette Miss.....1920/01/03
Mackay, Marley Miss.....1920/01/03
Mafe', Maxima.....1894/10/18
Marrs, George.....1912/06/28
Marshall, Arthur.....1923/06/23
Marshall, Arthur E.....1923/04/01
Marshall, E A Mrs.....1920/08/26
Marshall, Ethel.....1920/05/01
Marshall, Joyce.....1929/05/26
Mauldin, Lynn.....1990
May, Mary.....1983/10/01
McArthur, Abbey.....1941/07/01
McArthur, Abbie.....1941/06/01
McArthur, Earnestine.....1938/08/07
McArthur, Elizabeth.....1932/05/13
McArthur, Ernestine.....1938/08/01
McArthur, Estelle.....1938/08/01
McArthur, Estelle.....1938/08/07
McArthur, Geo W.....1946/06/01
McArthur, Geo W Jr.....1946/06/01
McArthur, James L.....1938/08/07
McArthur, James L.....1938/08/01
McArthur, Nancy Mrs.....1911/11/01
McArthur, Shirley Ann
McArthur, Solomon.....1924/10/07
McCarty, Clifford.....1929/05/26
McCarty, Dan.....1939/07/01
McCarty, Dan Mrs.....1939/07/01
McCarty, Daniel.....1894/10/18
McCarty, Emma.....1922/06/25
McCarty, Emma.....1922/06/23
McCarty, Emma Monett.....1912/05/06
McCarty, John.....1911/08/09
McCarty, John.....1911/08/09
McCarty, Marion.....1911/02/08
McCarty, Mary.....1911/11/01
McCarty, Mary Mrs.....1911/11/01
McCarty, Nalley Mrs.....1911/10/02
McCarty, Nancy.....1911/10/02
McCarty, Nancy.....1911/10/02
McCarty, Russell.....1939/10/01
McCarty, Soloman.....1924/10/05
McCarty, Stella Mrs.....1902/09/15
McCarty, Willard.....1939/08/20
McCarty, Willard Mrs.....1939/10/01
McCowan, George.....1911/05/08
McGinn, W Abner.....1850/01/18
McGowan, G.C., M.D.....1900/09/09
McGowan, Nellie Mrs.....1904/01/20

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McGuire, Julia Mrs.....1856/01/18
Mead, Catherine.....1923/06/23
Mead, John A Dr. 1911/11/19
Mead, Marion 1924/06/01
Mead, Mary.....1924/06/01
Mead, Sally Mrs.....1911/11/19
Millard, Cassie.....1911/04/15
Millard, Hervie Jr.....1911/05/08
Millard, Reed.....1911/04/15
Miller, Amy Miss.....1896/10/18
Miller, Carol 1972/01/01
Miller, Harold.....1972/01/01
Miller, Wallace.....1896/01/18
Miller, Wm. Kinball.....1903/11/08
Mitchell, David Wm 1957/03/01
Mitchell, Eleanor Dean.....1931/06/01
Mitchell, Gayle 1950/06/01
Mitchell, George 1902/09/15
Mitchell, Gilbert.....1911/05/08
Mitchell, Glenda.....1950/06/01
Mitchell, Gloria 1950/06/01
Mitchell, Golda.....1950/06/01
Mitchell, Hazel 1911/06/07
Mitchell, Hazel 1911/06/02
Mitchell, Lucy.....1911/05/08
Mitchell, Nettie Benne.....1911/06/01
Mitchell, Noland 1903/11/08
Mitchell, Noland 1903/11/08
Mitchell, Ora.....1950/06/01
Mitchell, Otis.....1938/08/01
Mitchell, Otis.....1953/06/01
Mitchell, Otis.....1938/08/07
Mitchell, Russ.....1931/07/12
Mitchell, Russell.....1953/06/01
Mitchell, Ruth.....1911/05/08
Moge, Mary Mrs.....1894/10/18
Molecamp, Estelle 1912/06/28
Mons, Ofrie Rusan
Moody, Cordelia Miss 1905/08/05
Moody, Cordelia S 1886/01/18
Moore, J A 1906/03/01
Moore, J W Mrs 1931/05/25
Moore, M O Mrs.....1906/03/01
Moore, Vera Miss.....1906/03/01
Moore, W Power.....1927/12/09
Murphy, Agnes 1952/06/01
Murphy, James 1935/04/01
Murphy, John David.....1952/06/01
Murphy, L D.....1935/04/01
Murphy, Madeline May.....1950/06/01
Murphy, Mary.....1935/04/01
Murphy, Rita 1935/04/01
Murphy, Samuel A.....1894/10/18
Myrtle, Delda.....1913/04/06
Nay, Kenneth Neal.....1983/10/01
Nay, Zara 1983/10/01
Nelson, Gussie.....1920/05/01
Nelson, Hannah Mrs 1925/10/29
Nelson, James.....1911/06/11
Nicholson, Joyce 1972/01/01
Nicholson, Robert.....1972/01/01
Nicholson, Robert Jr 1972/01/01
Nicholson, Terrell.....1972/01/01
Niven, Augustine.....1890/01/18
Norton, Leslie 1919/01/01
Norton, M L Mrs 1919/01/01
Norton, Warren 1919/01/01
Norton, Woodrow.....1921/08/28
O'Rourke, Annie Rose.....1911/05/28
O'Rourke, Doris Scott 1911/05/28
O'Rourke, Lena 1913/04/29
O'Rourke, Lena 1913/06/22
O'Rourke, Michael E 1911/05/28
O'Rourke, Wm J 1913/04/06
Ornse, Mary Mrs.....1880/01/18
Orr, Alexander 1888/01/18
Orr, Irene Albright 1912/04/21
Orr, Miss Rita.....1902/09/15
Orr, Mrs Belle 1895/10/18
Orr, Warren M.....1886/01/18
Osbourne, Andrew.....1911/05/08
Osbourne, Andrew.....1911/05/08
Osbourne, Edwina 1911/05/08
Osbourne, Edwina 1911/04/30
Osbourne, Ina Belle.....1922/11/12
Osbourne, Ina Belle.....1922/11/22
Osbourne, James.....1911/05/08
Osbourne, Jenny Mrs 1911/05/08
Osbourne, Louisa 1911/05/08
Osbourne, Louise 1911/05/08
Osbourne, Mertis.....1923/06/23
Osbourne, Ruby.....1920/05/01
Osbourne, Ruby.....1920/08/26
Otis, Mamie Mrs 1925/08/15
Otis, Minnie.....1921/08/28
Otis, Sidney.....1904/01/01
Otis, Waldo 1911/05/08
Otis, Waldo 1911/05/08
Packer, Jules 1886/01/18
Packer, Somie.....1911/05/08
Page, Addison.....1913/10/19
Page, Addison.....1913/04/29
Parent, Bertha 1911/05/14
Parent, Bertha A. 1911/05/14
Parent, Della.....1911/05/14
Parent, Della E. 1911/05/14
Parent, Geo.....1911/05/14
Parent, George H. 1911/05/14
Park, William Farve 1931/07/12
Parker, Alma.....1920/08/26
Parker, Alma.....1920/05/01
Parker, Claudius Mrs.....1929/05/26
Parker, Grace R Miss.....1896/01/18
Parker, Julia Miss.....1902/09/15
Parker, Leopold 1929/05/26
Parker, Mamie Miss.....1896/01/18
Parker, Maud.....1920/05/01
Parker, Maude Mrs.....1920/08/26
Pettit, Paul King
Pettit, Lottie Hazel
Pierson, Jean.....1979/08/01
Pittman, Clem.....1923/06/23
Pittman, Clem Mr 1921/03/06
Pittman, Clem Mrs.....1921/03/06
Pittman, Enall.....1921/03/06
Pittman, Houston.....1921/03/06

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Pittman, Lillie Mrs 1921/03/06
Pittman, Sarah Miss 1923/06/23
Pope, Edna Mrs 1925/10/29
Popsack, Andrew 1972
Popsack, Anna 1972
Popsack, Andrew 1983/10/12
Popsack, Anna 1983/10/12
Porter, Dottie 1972/01/01
Price, E E Mrs 1938/02/01
Pullman, Manual 1938/08/07
Pullman, Manuel W. 1938/08/01
Randall, Beth Ernestine 1984/08/01
Randall, Emily Ms 1894/10/18
Randall, Sarah Mrs 1871/01/18
Redmond, Amara 1911/05/08
Redmond, Amora 1911/05/08
Redmond, Bell 1922/11/22
Redmond, Bell Mrs 1922/11/12
Redmond, Hazel 1911/05/08
Redmond, Hazel 1911/05/08
Redmond, Henry G 1923/06/23
Redmond, Julie 1922/06/25
Redmond, Julius 1922/06/23
Redmond, Louisa 1911/05/08
Redmond, Mabel 1923/06/23
Redmond, Somie 1911/05/08
Redmond, Thomas 1923/06/23
Reed, Vane E 1912/11/10
Reynolds, DeWitt T 1927/08/14
Riggs, Mary Jane 1911/07/26
Riggs, Mary Jane Mrs 1911/07/26
Riggs, Richard Jr. 1911/07/19
Riggs, Richard Jr. 1911/07/19
Riggs, Richard Sr. 1911/07/26
Riggs, Richard Sr. 1911/07/26
Roach, Isabella V. 1911/06/02
Roberts, J Quitman 1875/01/18
Roberts, Rebecca Mrs 1875/01/18
Roche, Isabella V. 1911/06/02
Rody, Rudolph Mrs 1938/10/09
Rosseaux, J. Cude 1903/11/08
Russ, Ames 1920/08/26
Russ, Ames 1920/05/01
Russ, Asa 1871/10/18
Russ, Benjamin 1886/01/18
Russ, David Luther 1894/10/18
Russ, Doris 1929/05/26
Russ, Edith Annie 1923/06/23
Russ, Ella Mrs 1902/09/15
Russ, Ernest 1911/04/15
Russ, Ernest 1886/01/18
Russ, Estelle Mrs 1911/02/08
Russ, Esther 1912/04/05
Russ, Esther Miss 1911/05/08
Russ, Esther Miss 1912/04/02
Russ, Eunice Mrs 1894/10/18
Russ, Florence 1920/05/01
Russ, Florence 1887/01/18
Russ, Florence 1911/04/15
Russ, Florence 1920/08/26
Russ, Hardy 1911/07/02
Russ, Herbert E 1911/05/14
Russ, Jason 1893/05/18
Russ, John 1920/05/01
Russ, John 1920/08/26
Russ, Julia 1911/05/08
Russ, Julia 1911/05/08
Russ, Kimball 1894/10/18
Russ, Lois Abbey 1910/11/20
Russ, Luther Mrs 1910/04/20
Russ, Mamie 1911/05/08
Russ, Mamie 1911/05/08
Russ, Nancy Miss 1902/09/15
Russ, Pauline 1923/06/23
Russ, Pauline Abbie 1913/09/28
Russ, Sallie F 1886/01/18
Russ, Samuel P 1911/07/02
Russ, Samuel T 1893/05/18
Schultheis, Jacob 1914/06/08
Schultheis, John 1927/10/16
Schultheis, Lena 1922/11/12
Schultheis, Lena O. 1922/09/19
Schultheis, Ofife 1913/06/27
Schultheis, Ophie 1913/06/27
Schulthies, Edward 1921/11/09
Schulthies, Ophelia 1921/03/06
Schultz, C A Mrs 1925/01/01
Schultz, Charles 1925/01/01
Schultz, Esther 1925/01/01
Schultz, J T 1925/01/01
Schultz, Kathleen 1925/01/01
Schultz, Margaret 1925/01/01
Schultz, Willie 1925/01/01
Scott, Estelle Prevost 1927/10/16
Scott, R L 1894/10/18
Seal, David 1925/04/27
Seal, Lois Ester 1913/10/24
Seal, Martha 1912/04/05
Seale, Jno 1911/06/03
Seale, Martha Mrs 1912/04/02
Seals, Susan S Mrs 1850/01/18
Sjobolin, William 1911/05/08
Smith, Louis Orwin 1938/10/09
Smith, Rachel 1911/02/08
Smith, Ruth 1925/10/29
Smith, Wm. H. 1911/08/09
Smith, Wm. Samson 1938/10/09
Snow, A 1887/01/18
Snow, Amanda Mrs 1876/01/18
Snow, Bertha Miss 1903/11/08
Snow, Charlie 1902/09/15
Snow, Freinea Mrs 1902/09/15
Sonnier, Debbie
Sonnier, Jeanealle
Stillio, Jos 1911/05/28
Stillio, Joseph 1911/05/28
Stocker, Cora Miss 1894/10/18
Stocker, Kitten Mrs 1871/10/18
Stocker, Laura Miss 1902/09/15
Stocker, Naomi 1911/05/08
Stocker, Thomas R 1887/01/18
Stocker, W T 1876/01/18
Stocker, Willie 1911/05/08
Strahan, Minnie Pearl 1929/12/01
Summer, Lollie B Miss 1920/08/26
Summer, Russell 1911/07/02

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Summers, Annie.....1920/05/01
Summers, Annie Miss.....1920/08/26
Summers, Clara Mrs.....1931/07/12
Summers, Forest H.....1894/10/18
Summers, Geo W.....1924/06/01
Summers, Irene.....1929/05/26
Summers, John Lewis.....1903/11/08
Summers, John Lewis.....1929/05/26
Summers, John Louis.....1929/05/26
Summers, Katherine.....1929/05/26
Summers, Lollie B.....1920/05/01
Summers, Louisa Mrs.....1876/01/18
Summers, Myra.....1920/05/01
Summers, Myra Miss.....1920/08/26
Summers, Nellie Orr.....1929/05/26
Summers, Nellie Orr.....1928/06/03
Summers, Russell Mrs.....1939/04/01
Summers, Viola Annette.....1929/12/01
Summers, William E.....1896/10/18
Sumpter, Freda M.....1911/05/14
Sumpter, Freda M.....1911/05/14
Sumpter, Mattie Mrs.....1911/06/11
Talbert, George.....1911/05/08
Talbert, Zo Mrs.....1911/05/08
Talbot, Estelle.....1911/05/08
Talbot, George.....1911/05/08
Tartavoulle, Angie Mrs.....1897/01/18
Tartavoulle, Gussie.....1894/10/18
Tartavoulle, Migelle.....1894/10/18
Tartavoulle, Miguel.....1911/02/08
Tartavoulle, Pedro.....1894/10/18
Taylor, James.....1946/06/01
Thonn, Essie.....1949/06/01
Thonn, Louise J.....1949/06/01
Tommer, Eugenia.....1893/05/18
Toomer, Joe.....1972/01/01
Toomer, Joe Mrs.....1972/01/01
Torrington, Curtic.....1913/04/06
Torrington, Jule.....1913/04/06
Tourne', Alerina Mrs.....1884/01/18
Tracey, Lillian Miss.....1902/09/15
Tramnell, Hill Mr.....1937/11/01
Turner, Dorothy Ann
Turner, Louise.....1946/06/01
Vierling, Jean.....1981/01/01
Vondrokanski, Olga Mrs.....1913/06/17
Vondrozkanski, Frederi.....1913/06/17
Wall, Elizabeth.....1911/07/02
Wall, Joyce Gwendolyn.....1984/08/01
Walters, Eva Mrs.....1886/01/18
Walters, Patrick.....1911/06/24
Watson, Luther P.....1927/08/14
Watson, Sarah Mrs.....1927/08/14
Welsh, Sarah.....1913/07/15
Weston, Clement W.....1911/05/08
Weston, Clemont.....1911/05/08
Weston, Coburn.....1911/05/08
Weston, Coburn L.....1911/05/08
Weston, Constance.....1938/05/01
Weston, Dorothy.....1911/05/08
Weston, Ellen.....1911/05/08
Weston, J Roland.....1911/05/08
Weston, J. Roland.....1911/05/08
Weston, Jennie.....1911/05/08
Weston, Maria Mrs.....1928/02/25
Wheat, Frank Mrs.....1970/01/01
Whichard, Martha Bell.....1911/05/14
Whichard, Onieda Miss.....1912/05/26
Whichard, Viola.....1911/06/11
Whichard, Violetta Miss.....1886/08/18
White, Albert H.....1911/05/14
White, Angele Mrs.....1894/10/18
White, Cornelius.....1928/06/03
White, Estelle Mrs.....1928/06/03
White, Ester Mrs.....1913/06/15
White, W. L.....1913/06/15
White, Wiley.....1909/01/01
Wilkerson, Jessie Mrs.....1938/08/07
Williams, David.....1924/06/01
Williams, J D Mrs.....1913/06/27
Wilson, Augusta Miss.....1920/08/26
Wilson, Harry E.....1957/09/01
Wilson, Michael.....1957/09/57
Wilson, Patsy (Mrs H E).....1957/09.01
Wood, Joseph.....1914/06/08
Wood, Sarah.....1912/09/12
Wood, Willie Mrs.....1913/06/27
Woods, John.....1921/11/09
Woods, Joseph.....1914/06/08
Woods, Lillian.....1931/05/25
Woods, Lillian.....1929/12/01
Woods, Lillie.....1914/09/01
Woods, Lillie.....1921/03/06
Woods, Lilly.....1914/10/15
Woods, Mentoria.....1921/03/06
Woods, Metoria.....1914/09/01
Woods, Metoria.....1914/10/15
Woods, Nellie Mrs.....1921/03/06
Woods, Pearl.....1921/03/06
Woods, Ruth Elizabeth.....1930/10/10
Woods, Sarah.....1912/06/28
Woods, Willie.....1921/11/09
Wyman, Eula Lee.....1938/08/01
Wyman, Eula Lee.....1938/08/07
Wyman, Mary.....1912/04/05
Wyman, Mary Mrs.....1912/04/02
Wyman, Sarah.....1911/08/09
Wyman, Sarah Mrs.....1911/08/09
Yarborough, William.....1913/06/17
Yaw, Susan.....1980/08/01

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JAMIE LOUISE	ANDERSON, LAURIE LOUISE	R F NAY	05/04/80
CARTER SAMUEL	ANDERSON, LAURIE LOUISE	R F NAY	05/03/83
SAMANTHA EILEEN	ANDESRON, SAMANTHA EILEEN	ALTON FARLEY	09/29/88
DAVID CHARLES	APPLE, C H & FLORENCE RUSS	Y A SMITH	03/01/42
JAMES DONALD	BALDREE, WM D & JOYCE JACKSON	W B JONES	05/07/47
NELLIE	BARBER, WILLIS & MARY	H MILLARD	10/30/13
VIRGINIA EVELYN	BARBER, WILLIS & MARY	H MILLARD	02/11/13
DAVID	BAREBOOM, WM & REBECCA	W D JONES	04/24/82
JOHN CHRISTIAN	BAXTER, HARRY & EMMA	H MILLARD	10/19/13
ALTON	BAXTER, HARRY & EMMA	L A DARSEY	10/22/05
WILLIAM WALTON	BAXTER, HARRY & EMMA	H MILLARD	12/26/14
VIRGINIA	BAXTER, ROY & GLADYS	H MILLARD	08/22/14
INFANT DAUGHTER	BAXTER, ROY & GLADYS	J D SLAY	03/01/35
ROY JR	BAXTER, ROY SR. & GLADDIS	H L NORTON	08/26/20
WILLIE	BENNETT	H L NORTON	03/06/21
RICKY LYNN	BENNETT, CHAS. J. & PATRICIA A	ALTON FARLEY	11/29/87
JACKLYN S	BENNETT, GARY & SHERREL	R D JONES	07/28/79
JACKLYN SUZANNE	BENNETT, GARY & SHERRIL	R. D. JONES	10/21/79
BARBARA ANN	BENNETT, GROVER & MRS GROVER	E E PRICE	08/03/39
GROVER EDWIN,JR	BENNETT, GROVER E & LILA FERN	W B JONES	05/10/45
JAMES DOYLE	BENNETT, GROVER E & LILA FERN	W B JONES	05/10/45
OLIVIA JOSEPHIN	BENNETT, J C & MRS J C	J D SLAY	06/17/35
ANNIE RUTH	BENNETT, JOHN & CARRIE	E E PRICE	04/27/39
KATIE AGNES	BENNETT, JOHN & CLARA	H MILLARD	04/02/11
JOHN	BENNETT, JOHN & CLARA	H L NORTON	08/26/20
JOHN FRANKLIN	BENNETT, JOHN & CLARA	H MILLARD	02/28/11
EARL CLAIBORNE	BENNETT, LAWRENCE & EDITH	W C BLACK	01/05/36
MYRLE EVON	BENNETT, LAWRENCE & EDITH	W C BLACK	01/05/35
CARL JOSEPH	BENNETT, LAWRENCE & EDITH MARI	W B JONES	07/09/44
ROLAND HAROLD	BENNETT, ROLAND H & LAURA	W B JONES	10/12/44
KENNETH CLYDE	BENNETT, ROLAND H & LAURA	W B JONES	10/12/44
LAWRENCE CLAIBO	BENNETTE, JOHN & CLARA	H MILLARD	06/28/12
DANNY LOUIS	BESANCON, E J & LOIS DORR	W B JONES	02/16/45
DELORIS ANN	BESANCON, E J & LOIS DORR	W B JONES	08/04/46
LOUIS CHARLES	BESANCON, E J & LOIS DORR	W B JONES	03/25/48
ALYSIA CATHERIN	BOBBITT, MARY & MICHAEL EVERET	W. L. JENKINS	08/18/91
DVAID ANTHONY	BOORBOOM, WM. F. & REBECCA W.	R. D. JONES	09/05/82
ROLAND JOSEPH	BOUSQUET, J A JR & GEORGIE	GEO H GALLOWAY	10/26/02
ALICE	BOUSQUETT, J A & GEORGIA	L A DARSEY	10/24/06
CELESTE LENOIRE	BOWMAN, E B & CARA	H J MOORE	07/18/09
HELOISE MILLARD	BOWMAN, E B & CORA	H MILLARD	05/27/12
HORACE	BOWMAN, E. & CORA	H MILLARD	07/12/14
HENRY LAWRENCE	BOYLE, MR. & MRS		03/24/04
WALTER LAMAR	BROWN, W ALBERT & LOLLIE	L A DARSEY	05/27/05
HERVY JAMES	CAMERON, JAMES & ALTHEA	C A SCHULTZ	01/01/26
INFANT	CAMPBELL	H L NORTON	03/06/21
CHARLES MARSHAL	CAMPBELL, ALEX & EVELYN	T H KING	08/03/24
AGNES,	CARPENTER, LEE M & MALVINE	T H KING	10/05/24
MAXENE	CARPENTER, LEE M & MELVINE	T H KING	10/05/24
JOHN OSWELL	CARVER, ARISTEAD & BERTHA	H J MOORE	08/07/10
CLIFTON KOEHLER	CARVER, ARISTEAD & BERTHA	L A DARSEY	11/23/05

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ALFONSO MILLARD	CARVER, BAT JR & ROSA LENA	H MILLARD	10/08/11
ARTESIA	CARVER, PAT & ROSA	H MILLARD	10/19/13
CAR BRITT	CASANOVA, A J & EMMA	GEO H GALLOWAY	10/26/02
OTIS BEADLY	CASANOVA, T L & MAMIE	GEO H GALLOWAY	10/26/02
ADELE ELVIRA	CASANOVA, THOS L & MARY L	L A DARSEY	11/12/05
WILLIAM ROBERT	CASANOVA, WILLIE & EDNA	W L LINFIELD	04/01/27
MARION	CHAPMAN, WM W & GLADYS M	I W COOPER	04/15/23
WILLIAM WEST	CHAPMAN, WM W & GLADYS W	C A SCHULTZ	01/01/26
JEANETTE	COBEELLA, ROBERT M. & YVETTE	P. E. HATCH	10/10/65
ROLAND AMES	COULONG, ALEX W & DORIS RUSS	W B JONES	09/16/45
ALLEN JOHN	COULONGE, ALEX W & DORIS RUSS	W B JONES	07/30/48
ALEXANDER WM	COULONGE, ALEX W & DORIS RUSS	Y A SMITH	03/01/42
MERLA ELLA V	CRANE, MARCELLUS W & LEONA E	W C BLACK	04/25/36
JOHN PERRY	CRANE, MARCELLUS W & LEONA E	W C BLACK	08/17/36
MARTHA ELIZABET	DAVIS, DAVE & RUTH ELIZABETH	W L LINFIELD	03/20/27
EMILE	DAVIS, DAVE & RUTH ELIZABETH	W L LINFIELD	03/20/27
GEORGE WILLIAM	DAVIS, DAVE & RUTH ELIZABETH	W L LINFIELD	06/19/27
ANNIE MARRIE	DAVIS, DAVE & RUTH ELIZABETH	W L LINFIELD	06/19/27
EZRA	DAVIS, JOHN & ROSABELLE	H MILLARD	02/15/13
VERNA ELLEN	DAVIS, JOHN & ROSALIE	H MILLARD	12/03/14
LYDIA ESTELLE	DAVIS, JOHN P & ROSABELLE	W L LINFIELD	01/01/27
PERRY MARVIN	DAVIS, JOHN P & ROSABELLE	H MILLARD	06/11/11
GEORGE	DAVIS, RICHARD & MARTHA	H MILLARD	06/15/11
JAMES	DAVIS, RICHARD & MARTHA	H MILLARD	06/15/11
PEARL	DAVIS, RICHARD & MARTHA	H MILLARD	06/15/11
FREEM	DAVIS, ROBERT & MRS ROBERT	E L ALFORD	09/20/22
ETHEL MAY	DAVIS, ROBERT & MRS ROBERT	E L ALFORD	09/20/22
ERMA LOUIS	DAVIS, ROBERT & MRS ROBERT	E L ALFORD	09/20/22
VERA ESTELLE	DAVIS, ROBERT & STELA MOLECAMP	W L LINFELD	03/20/27
DORA ALICE	DEAN, OSCAR D & OMA	W L LINFIELD	04/17/27
MINNIE ELIZABET	DEAN, OSCAR D & OMA	W L LINFIELD	04/17/27
OSCAR DAVID	DEAN, OSCAR D & OMA	W L LINFIELD	03/20/27
JOSIA MAY	DILLARD, JOHN & MAGGIE		05/02/04
EDNA ELMER	DONALLY, E. & DOLLIE	H MILLARD	04/06/13
LEE LIGHTACY	DONALLY, ED & DOLLIE	H MILLARD	06/10/13
SUE ROSALIE	DONALLY, ED & DOLLIE	H MILLARD	12/06/14
BALMA	DONNALLY, ED & DOTTIE	H MILLARD	11/11/14
LOUIS CREEDUP	DORR, JOHN M & MAGGIE	L A DARSEY	06/17/06
FLORINE	DORR, JOHN MEAD & MAGGIE	H J MOORE	09/04/10
CLAUDE DOUGLAS	DORR, LOUIS C & IRIS O'NEAL	W B JONES	02/04/45
HOUSTON JACINTO	DORR, LOUIS C & IRIS O'NEAL	W B JONES	02/04/45
WARREN SCOTT	DOYLE, RANDY J & CAROL SUE R.	W. L. JENKINS	06/24/90
ELIZABETH ANNE	ELLIS, FRANK E. & MICHELE McC.	ALTON FARLEY	02/05/87
BOREGUARD OSWEL	FAVRE, ARTHUR	H J MOORE	03/08/08
HUNTER ELERBE	FAVRE, HUNTER & MRS HUNTER	H MILLARD	12/04/12
MARY ELLA	FAVRE, JNO H & LILLIE	H MILLARD	07/30/11
QUITMAN JAMES	FAVRE, JNO H & LILLIE E	H MILLARD	07/30/11
ANADINE LUCILLE	FAVRE, JNO H & LILLIE E	H MILLARD	07/30/11
JOSEPH C	FAVRE, JOHN & LILLY E	H MILLARD	12/01/12
ALVIN JR	FELTS, ALVIN SR & ERMA	E E PRICE	04/17/38
BETTYE RILMA	FOUNTAIN, C W & MILDRED OTIS	W B JONES	05/11/47

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CALVIN WM	FOUNTAIN, C W & RILMA	T H KING	04/01/23
WALTER JAMES	FOUNTAIN, N W & ANGELINE	H J MOORE	08/18/07
JOSEPH BALDWIN	FOUNTAIN, NOAH W & ANGELINA	L A DARSEY	06/18/05
JACOB FRANKLIN	FRANKLIN, LAWRENCE & DOROTHY	W. L. JENKINS	04/21/91
MARY BESSIE	GARCIA, JOE & CLARA BARR	W L LINFIELD	09/13/27
MARYE VALENTINA	GARREAU, W. A. & MARY	H MILLARD	12/07/14
GRACE ELIZABETH	GARREAUX, WM A & MARY E	H MILLARD	08/01/11
WILLIAM A	GARREAUX, WM A & MARY E	H MILLARD	08/01/11
MARIE ELAINE	GIVEANS, ELLIOT & KATIE	W B JONES	10/12/44
JOHN ELLIOTT	GIVEANS, ELLIOTT R. & KATIE	W L LINFIELD	05/08/27
WAYNE JOSEPH	GIVEANS, ISADODRE J & DORIS	W B JONES	05/03/45
LARRY THOMAS	GIVEANS, ISADORE J & DORIS A	W B JONES	06/01/47
KIMBERLY	GIVEANS, JOHN E & LAWANDA	R D JONES	08/31/79
FREDERICK ANTHO	GIVEANS, JOHN E & LAWANDA	R F NAY	02/04/85
JOHN ALLEN	GIVEANS, JOHN E & LAWANDA	R F NAY	08/14/83
MICHELLE MARIE	GIVEANS, REBEKAH LOUISE	KARL WILCOX	12/24/78
PAULINE	GIVENS, J M & M A	J C REAUSSAUX	06/22/23
HORATIO WESTON	GIVENS, JAMES M & MISSOURI	L A DARSEY	06/25/05
JAMES ALONZO	GIVENS, JAMES M & ZOO	GEO H GALLOWAY	10/26/02
MARGARET	GUITERIEZ,	H L NORTON	08/26/20
JEFFREY	HARVILLE, JOHN & DONNA	R F NAY	02/22/83
ELVA	HENDERSON, RALPH & SADIE	H MILLARD	10/24/13
EVELYN	HENDERSON, RALPH & SADIE	H MILLARD	10/24/13
MARY ALICE	HILL, WILLIAM & ESTELLE	L A DARSEY	07/16/05
EDITH VIVIAN	HILL, WILLIAM W & ESTELLE M	H MILLARD	07/26/11
AGNESE	HINKLE, WILLIAM & AGNES	H J MOORE	07/07/07
ASHLEY RUTH	HOLDEN, J E & STEPHANIE DAVIS	R F NAY	07/10/84
JAMES IRVIN III	HOLDEN, J II & STEPHANIE DAVIS	R F NAY	08/04/81
ELIZABETH	HOLDEN, JAMES & STEPHANIE	W D JONES	01/26/80
ELIZABETH ANN	HOLDEN, JAMES & STEPHANIE D.	R. D. JONES	07/20/80
ASHLEY RUTH	HOLDEN, JAMES JR & STEPHANIE D	ROBERT F. NAY	08/17/84
INFANT	HOLLEMAN, TOULME & ADDIE	GEO H GALLOWAY	10/26/02
TOULME VICTOR	HOLLEMAN, TOULME & MARY	H MILLARD	05/11/11
ALVA BEN JR	HONEA, ALVA B & VIOLA	T H KING	04/01/23
BEULAH	HONEA, ALVA B & VIOLA	T H KING	04/01/23
HARRY SIMON	HOVER, AUGUSTINE & HENRIETTA	L A DARSEY	11/25/06
JAS FREDERICK	HOWSY, FRED & MRS FRED	C A SCHULTZ	10/15/26
WILLIAM ABNER	HURSEY, ABNER & TINA	H MILLARD	10/02/12
AARON GLYNN	HURSEY, BONNIE	ALTON FARLEY	04/04/88
LEONARD	HURSEY, SIDNEY & MARIA	L A DARSEY	06/16/05
BESSIE	HURSEY, SIDNEY & MARIA	L A DARSEY	06/16/05
SIDNEY A.	HURSEY, SIDNEY & MARIA	H MILLARD	05/27/13
ALICE	HURSEY, SIDNEY M & MARIA A	H MILLARD	07/26/11
SHELDON	HURSEY, SIDNEY M & MARIA A	H MILLARD	07/26/11
ALEESE	JONES, W W & MINNIE	J D SLAY	03/01/35
ALEESE	JONES, W. W. & MINNIE	H MILLARD	08/28/14
FRANK HAWKINS	JONES, WARREN C & GRACE L	W B JONES	05/20/45
WARREN CAUDLER	JONES, WARREN C & GRACE L	W B JONES	05/20/45
RUDOLPH GUSTAVE	KOCH, CHRISTIAN & ELLEN M	L A DARSEY	07/08/06
BERTHA IRENE	KOCH, R B & MRS R B	T H KING	07/28/23
JENNIE IRMA	KOCH, RICHARD & IRENE	H J MOORE	08/07/10

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RICHARD ARISTED	KOCH, RICHARD & IRENE	H MILLARD	06/10/13
ROBERT VERNON	KOCH, ULMAN & FREDDIE	H MILLARD	11/15/14
HORACE	KOCH, ULMAN & FREDDIE	H MILLARD	11/15/14
ALFRED DREYFUS	KOCH, ULMAN & FREDDIE	H MILLARD	11/15/14
JOHN HORATIO	KOCH, ULMAN & FREDY	H MILLARD	10/13/11
CHARLES HEBERT	KOCK, CHRISTIAN & NELLIE	H J MOORE	03/24/10
LAURA MARION	LEONARD, OSCAR J & MAY	L A DARSEY	06/18/05
LANCE IR SMITH	LITTLE, M & RUBY (GRANDPARENTS	E E PRICE	09/01/38
CHARLES C SMITH	LITTLE, M & RUBY (GRANDPARENTS	E E PRICE	09/01/38
ASA	LITTLE, WILLIS & AMELIA	H MILLARD	11/05/11
EDWARD HAROLD	LITZE	H L NORTON	11/09/21
EDNA MAE	LITZE	H L NORTON	11/09/21
LOUIS PARKIN	LLOYD, DR R & LIZZIE	GEO H GALLOWAY	12/10/99
IRA PERRSON	LLOYD, DR R & LIZZIE	GEO H GALLOWAY	12/10/99
EDETH	LLOYD, DR R & LIZZIE	GEO H GALLOWAY	12/10/99
RICHARD HICKS	LLOYD, DR R & LIZZIE	GEO H GALLOWAY	12/10/99
ALICE MARIE	LOTT, JESSE & LENA	H MILLARD	09/10/12
LEILA LEONORA	LOTT, JESSE & LENA	H MILLARD	09/10/12
GERTRUDE	LOTT, JESSE & LENA	H MILLARD	09/10/12
PERRY ANDREW	LOTT, JESSE & LENA	H MILLARD	09/10/12
LOUIS VIOLET	LOTT, JESSE & LENA	H MILLARD	09/10/12
FREDERICK FERDI	LOTT, JESSE & LENA	H MILLARD	09/10/12
JOS ELLIOTT JR	LOTT, JOS E & MRS CLYDE	C A SCHULTZ	01/01/26
SUSAN ADELLE	LOTT, SAM ALVA & ARVILLA HOYT	W B JONES	04/02/46
HILAH FARVE	MACKIE, WALTER & KATIE	H MILLARD	04/06/13
LIZZETTE KATHER	MACKIE, WALTER & KATIE	H MILLARD	04/06/13
KATHLEEN MAE	MALONEY PAUL & CATHERIN BENNET	W B JONES	05/15/49
ELLA RAY	MARSHALL, ARTHUR E & ETHEL	T H KING	04/01/23
HOLLY LEIGH	MARTIN, JULIUS A & DONNA M	A R FARLEY	08/03/85
HOLLI LEIGH	MARTIN, JULIUS A. & DONNA M.	ALTON R. FARLEY	10/13/85
SALLIE THAMES	MEAD, J A & SALLIE T	T H KING	04/20/24
HOWARD ELMORE	MILLER, WALLACE & NANCY RUSS	H MILLARD	07/14/12
ASA RUSS	MITCHELL, GEO & ALICE	H MILLARD	12/01/12
SAMUEL	MITCHELL, MR. & MRS.		05/02/04
PEARL	MITCHELL, SAM S & LUCY	GEO H GALLOWAY	06/22/02
JAMES H	MURPHY, J D & MARY	T H KING	10/05/24
MARY M	MURPHY, J D & MARY	T H KING	10/05/24
RITA ADELINE	MURPHY, J D & MARY	T H KING	10/05/24
TERRI LYNN	MYERS, LARANIE? WALKER & CHERY	ROBERT F. NAY	08/26/84
TINA ESTELLE	McARTHUR, DELBERT W. & PHYLLIS	KARL WILCOX	11/13/77
DELBERT WILLARD	McARTHUR, GEO W & MRS G W	W B JONES	08/13/46
MARY KATHERINE	McCORMICK, JOS M & ANNA	L A DARSEY	12/10/05
JOHN THOMAS	McGOWAN, DR G C & NELLIE	D E KELLEY	05/08/11
CODY	NECAISE, RANDY & CONNIE	W. L. JENKINS	08/27/91
DORIS SCOTT	O'ROURKE, M L & LENA	H MILLARD	05/28/11
MICHAEL EUGENE	O'ROURKE, M L & LENA	H MILLARD	05/28/11
ANNIE ROSE	O'ROURKE, M L & LENA	H MILLARD	05/28/11
LEILA EM	ORR, AGNEW & IRENE	H MILLARD	04/12/14
EDWARD LEE	OSBOURNE,	H L NORTON	03/06/21
NELLIE MYRTIS	OSBOURNE, ANDREW & LOUISA	H MILLARD	04/28/12
DAVID CRAWFORD	OSBOURNE, ANDREW & LOUISA	H MILLARD	03/21/11

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INA BELL	OSBOURNE, ANDREW & LOUISA	H MILLARD	08/21/14
AGNES MINERVA	OSBOURNE, ANDREW & LOUISA	H MILLARD	03/21/11
DAVID CRAWFORD	OSBOURNE, ANDREW & LOUISA	H MILLARD	03/21/11
AGNES MINERVA	OSBOURNE, ANDREW & LOUISA	H MILLARD	03/21/11
ALICE BEATRICE	OSBOURNE, ANDREW & MRS.	H J MOORE	10/01/08
JAMES ANDREW	OSBOURNE, ANDREW D & MARY L	T H KING	10/14/24
DENNIS	OSBOURNE, DOUGLAS & CARRIE	GEO H GALLOWAY	12/24/99
CAROLYN EDITH	OTIS, HENRY L & RUTH SANFORD	W B JONES	05/16/48
MILDRED B	OTIS, LAMAR & BETTIE	I W COOPER	04/15/23
HENRY	OTIS, LAMAR & BETTIE	H L NORTON	08/26/20
KANDACE MAGEAN	PAPPAS, ANNA (LESLEY KELLAR)	A R FARLEY	05/16/87
BEULAH ALMA	PARKER, GEO W & GRACE	H MILLARD	08/01/11
HUGH AUBREY	PARKER, GEO W & GRACE	H MILLARD	08/01/11
FLORENCE WILLEM	PERRIE, CHESTER & FLORENCE	H J MOORE	08/16/08
MILDRED RUTH	PERRON, MILTON & ARETTA ORR	HERVIE MILLARD	02/19/11
RITA LOUISE	PERRON, MILTON & RETTA	H MILLARD	04/28/13
RITA LOUISE	PERRON. MILTON & RETTA ORR	H MILLARD	04/06/13
ROY	PETERMAN, JULIUS & MARIAN	H MILLARD	06/27/12
ALICE MARGARET	PETERMAN, JULIUS & MARIAN	H MILLARD	06/27/12
JULIUS	PETERMAN, JULIUS & MARIAN	H MILLARD	06/27/12
HOMER	PETERMAN, JULIUS & MARY	H MILLARD	06/24/13
CHRISTOPHER SCO	RANDALL, L D & BETH ERNESTINE	R F NAY	08/16/80
ADAM GABRIEL	RANDALL, L D & BETH ERNESTINE	R F NAY	05/27/83
RAYMOND ARTHUR	RAYBURN, EMMA I.	ALTON FARLEY	04/07/88
PAUL ELERRY	REDMOND,	E L ALFORD	06/20/22
SARAH LOU	REDMOND,	E L ALFORD	06/20/22
ALINE MABEL	REDMOND, WM & LOUISA	T H KING	04/01/23
RACHEL	REYNOLDS, THOMAS & LORI BENNET	W D JONES	08/11/80
RACHEL NICOLE	REYNOLDS, THOMAS A. & LOU ELLA	R. D. JONES	12/07/80
SYLVIAANN	RODY,H D & ELLA RAYNE MARSHALL	W B JONES	09/16/45
EDITH	RUSS,	H L NORTON	08/26/20
DORIS	RUSS,	H L NORTON	08/26/20
FLORENCE AMELIA	RUSS, D L & ABBIE	GEO H GALLOWAY	10/26/02
HOWELL	RUSS, D L & MRS D L	T H KING	09/09/23
PAULINE ABBIE	RUSS, D. L. & ABBIE	H MILLARD	09/28/13
PAULINE ABBIE	RUSS, D. L. & ABBIE	H MILLARD	09/28/13
JOHN LUTHER	RUSS, D. L. & ABBIE	H MILLARD	07/14/12
ERNEST AMES	RUSS, DAVID LUTHER & ABBIE	L A DARSEY	03/26/05
EADS POITEVENT	RUSS, SAMUEL P & ESTELLE	L A DARSEY	05/20/06
ANITA ESTELLE	RUSS, SAMUEL P & ESTELLE	L A DARSEY	05/20/06
ALVIN	SCHULTIESE, JOHN & OPHIE	H MILLARD	06/28/12
ARTHUR	SCHULTIESE, JOHN & OPHIE	H MILLARD	06/28/12
TOMMY LOU	SCOTT, WM G & MYRTLE SCHULTHIE	W L LINFIELD	04/17/27
MYRTLE PEARL	SCOTT, WM G & MYRTLE SCHULTHIE	W L LINFIELD	04/17/27
LOIS ESTHER	SEALE, JOSEPH A & IDA	H MILLARD	10/24/13
LEO W JR	SEALS, LEO W & REBECCA B	C A SCHULTZ	01/01/26
VIOLA MAY	SMITH, SAM E & SARAH	W L LINFIELD	03/20/27
ETHEL EDNA	SMITH, SAME E & SARAH	W L LINFIELD	03/20/27
JANELLE DENISE	SONNIER, DOUGLAS & DEBRA	R F NAY	10/31/83
MILLIE PEARL	STRAHAN, WILL & MRS WILL	A J BEASLEY	01/01/29
THOMAS FOREST	SUMMERS, GEO W & CLARA BELLE	H MILLARD	07/30/11

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LOLLIE BELLE	SUMMERS, GEO W & CLARA BELLE	H MILLARD	07/30/11
ANNIE LOUISE	SUMMERS, GEO W & CLARA BELLE	H MILLARD	07/30/11
MARY ULRICA	SUMMERS, J L & N O	T H KING	06/15/24
VIOLA ANETTE	SUMMERS, J LEWIS & NELLIE ORR	A J BEASLEY	01/01/29
THERESA	SUMPTER, FRED THOS & MATTIE	H MILLARD	05/28/11
PEDRO	TARTAVOULLE, AUGUSTINE & EVA	H J MOORE	05/08/08
AUGUSTINE SAM	TARTAVOULLE, AUGUSTINE & EVA	L A DARSEY	05/20/06
CHRISTOPHER SCO	TEBO, SCOTT & BELINDA	W. L. JENKINS	09/01/91
DOROTHY SCHULTZ	TRANVICH, JOS C & JESSE	C A SCHULTZ	01/01/26
EDITH ANNIE	TRAUB, W E & EDITH RUSS	W B JONES	08/01/43
WARREN EDWARD	TRAUB, WARREN & EDITH RUSS	W B JONES	02/04/45
JARED MICHAEL	TREADWAY, RUSSELL JAS. & DIANE	ALTON FARLEY	04/26/86
ALETIS JAMES	TREADWAY, RUSSELL JAS. & DIANE	ALTON FARLEY	04/26/86
WILLIAM	TYLER, PERCY & VERNA S	C A SCHULTZ	01/01/26
ONEIDA	WALLACE, WILBUR & REBECCA	H MILLARD	04/06/13
WILBUR WILLIAMS	WALLACE, WILBUR & REBECCA	H MILLARD	04/06/13
GEORGE	WALLACE, WILBUR & REBECCA	H MILLARD	04/06/13
CATHERINE EMILE	WELCH, WILLIAM & SARAH	H J MOORE	08/03/08
WILLIE ROY	WELCH, WILLIE & SARAH	H MILLARD	07/26/13
MAIA	WESTON, C W & MAIA	T H KING	09/28/24
CONSTANCE	WESTON, CLEM & MAI	E E PRICE	04/17/38
OLIVER GORDAN	WESTON, DAVID & PAULINE	L A DARSEY	02/26/05
PAULINE MARY	WESTON, DAVID & PAULINE	W. G. FORSYTH	07/12/97
CLEMENT WALKER	WESTON, DAVID & PAULINE	GEO. H GALLOWAY	12/17/99
DOROTHY LOUISE	WESTON, JOHN & AMELIA	L A DARSEY	03/12/05
KELLY WM. ROBT.	WHITE, KENNETH & REGINA ELIZ.	W. L. JENKINS	01/02/91
MICHAEL EDWIN	WILSON, MICHAEL & PATRICIA G.	ROBERT D JONES	04/19/81
JENNIFER LYNN	WILSON, MICHAEL & PATRICIA G.	R. D. JONES, JR	11/25/79
BELINDA MICHELL	WILSON, MICHAEL & PATRICIA G.	R. D. JONES, JR	11/25/79
LILLIAN CLAIR	WRIGHT, CHARLES & LOLLIE BELLE	C G FELDER	10/13/40
BENJ FRANKLIN	YARBOROUGH, BENJ. & IMSAR	H MILLARD	04/06/13
CHARLES ELIJAH	YARBOROUGH, CHAS. & ELNORE	H MILLARD	08/08/12
ANDREW MICHAEL	ZERINGUE, MICHAEL & ELIZABETH	ALTON FARLEY	06/10/87
ERIC EASON	ZERINGUE, MICHAEL & ELIZABETH	W. L. JENKINS	09/08/90

Names	Pastor	Date
John Bennett Clara Little	L. A. Darsey	Oct. 13, 1905
Chester A Pieri Florence Garreau	L. A. Darsey	Nov. 22, 1905
Elijah B. Bowman Cora Stocker	L. A. Darsey	Jan. 17, 1906
Jessie Albert Jones Angeline E. Toomer	L. A. Darsey	June 6, 1906
Wilson Brown Marie Koch	H. J. Moore	June 24, 1907
Milton Perron Rita Orr	H. J. Moore	June 25, 1907
Ormand Garreau Mamie Parker	Bowen	July 1, 1907
Percy Osborun Eva Casanova	H. J. Moore	Sept. 1, 1908
Richard Koch Irene Carver	H. J. Moore	Oct. 21, 1908
Roy Baxter Gladdis Whichard	H. J. Moore	March 16, 1910
Earl Carver Julia Parker	H. J. Moore	June 27, 1910
W. H. Maben Ella Baxter	J. M. Morse	Jan. 26, 1911
Henry Pullman Martha Garcia	H. Millard	March 1, 1911
Joe A. Seal Ida Marquis	H. Millard	Oct. 4, 1911
J. Agnew Orr Irene Allbright	H. Millard	Mar. 27, 1912
Charles Beyer Lillie Whitfield	H. Millard	June 23, 1912

Willie Little Electa Bennett	H. Millard	Sept. 18, 1912
J. Louis Summers Nellie Orr	H. Millard	Apr. 16, 1914
Lamar Otis Bettie Weston	H. Millard	July 9, 1914
S. S. Spence Eliza Pitts	H. Millard	Sept. 16, 1914
C. W. Fountain Rillma Parker	H. Millard	Oct. 22, 1914
Herbert H. Robinson Dorothy L. Weston	W. L. Linfield	Nov. 30, 1926
Conley A. Carver Mildred J. Blackwell	W. Black	May 16, 1936
James Wilton Wheat Meg Odelia Mitchell	W. Black	June 20, 1936
James Spence Blondie Wyman	E. E. Price	Apr. 14, 1938
Charlie Affle Florence Russ	E. E. Price	Dec. 23, 1939
Capt. J. M. Dorr Mamie Favre	J. P. Nix	June 3, 1941
Herbert D. Rody Ella Raye Marshall	J. P. Nix	June 18, 1941
Warren C. Traub Edith Russ	J. P. Nix	Sept. 6, 1941
Edwin G. Larroux Virginia Baxter	G. C. Felder	Nov. 9, 1940
Stephen Slumber Mildred Dean	W. B. Jones	April 1, 1945
William Abner Bennett Ruby Mae Pettit		1948
John E. Giveans Nannie Maude Pettit	T. R. Heath	May 29, 1950
Wayne Giveans Faye Long		

Chandler Reynolds Marie Giveans		
Thomas Reynolds Lori E. Bennett	R. D. Jones	Feb. 15, 1980
Wm. F. Baerboom Rebecca L Giveans	R. D. Jones	Sept. 8, 1980
John D. Mancusso Doreen A. Davis	R. D. Jones	Nov. 22, 1980
Douglas Sonnier Debbie Pierson	R. D. Jones	
Thomas L. Galton Valerie S. Williams	R. D. Jones	Feb. 13, 1982
Royal J. McArthur Tammie Seal	R. F. Nay	Aug. 17, 1983
Stanley J. Waguespack Lisa Lou Marbut	R. F. Nay	Dec. 31, 1983
William F. Hanes Deborah L. Wall	R. F. Nay	Aug. 18, 1984
Clyde W. LeSieur Sharon L. Landry	R. F. Nay	Aug. 27, 1984
Patrick W. Wilson Pauline A. Mizzoni	R. F. Nay	Mar. 16, 1985
Van Edmonson Miriam Matthews	Alton Farley	Jan. 1, 1987
Gary Michael West Sallie E. Dawsey	Alton Farley	Feb. 10, 1990
Theodore Van Bosworth Emma Isobelle Rayburn Grant	Alton Farley	May 26, 1990
John Eric Furey Vickie Marie Bennett	W. L. Jenkins	June 17, 1990
Grover Edwin Bennett, Jr. Ruth Deloris "Dee" Goins Dixon	W. L. Jenkins	Aug. 26, 1990
James Theodore Turnbough Della Marcelle Cuevas	W. L. Jenkins	Sept. 29,1990
Avery Lynn Mauldin Ann Jean Popsack Pierson	W. L. Jenkins	Oct. 6, 1990

Thomas Henry McWethy Cindy Lynn Carter	W. L. Jenkins	Mar. 2, 1991
Alan Eugene Jackson Charlotte Deloris McGill Clark	W. L. Jenkins Clermont Harbor	June 22, 1991
James Philip Seay Amy Marie Herrmann	W. L. Jenkins, assisting, Our Lady of the Gulf	July 20, 1991
Jeffrey Byron Lane Paula Juanita Deogracias Watts	W. L. Jenkins Clermont Harbor	September 16, 1991
Edward Vance Cullifer Patricia Ann Brown Corbell	W. L. Jenkins Clermont Harbor (home)	September 21, 1991

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